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Court: Haifa Religious Council must include non-Orthodox candidates

**EVELYN GORDON** 

THE High Court of Justice yesterday took another step toward putting non-Orthodox Jews on religious councils. It declared that a Reform and a Conservative Jew must be two of the Haifa city council's candidates for the city's religious council.

The court also ordered the Jerusalem and Kiryat Tivon city councils to reconsider their lists of religious council candidates, because of their refusal to approve Reform and Conservative

Movement's Religious Action Center. Regev, an attorney, had represented the petitioners.

"It's a decision that recognizes that most of the Jews in the world who go to services do not go to Orthodox services," said Jonathan Friedland, vice-president of Haifa's Conservative synagogue and one of the candidates for Haifa's religious council.

Friedland admitted that this is not the case in Israel, but said this might change as non-Orthodox institutions begin getting more money and more power.

Forty-five percent of each religious council is appointed by the local council, with another 45% appointed by the religious affairs minister and 10% by the local rabbinate. Previous court rulings have said the local council's candidates must be proportional to each party's strength on the council. Thus, for instance, if Meretz has one-seventh of the seats on the Jerusalem city council, it may (Continued on Page 2)

### **State attorney:** Indict Yehezkel

The State Attorney's Office has recommended that MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) be indicted for using Histadrut funds in his 1992 party primary campaign, Israel Radio reported last

The recommendation was passed on to Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair at the end of last week. Jerusalem Post Staff



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Some 18,000 empty chairs, representing the number of people killed in road accidents since the state's founding, were set up at Kibbutz Ga'ash: to mark yesterday's one-day road safety campaign. Accident story, Page 12. (Ilan Ossendaywer/Israel Sm)

## PM, A-G at odds over intifada compensation

Peres: PA should take care of all Arab claims

ISRAEL should not be responsible for damages suffered by Arab residents of the territories as a result of the intifada, since they stem from what were essentially acts of war against Israel, Prime

Minister Shimon Peres said

Intifada-related damage suits candidates.

"The Orthodox monopoly has a simulated to sold hundreds of suffered another significant to million block the sold hundreds of feat today," said Rabbi Uri Revened a formin of ministers and

> cuss a resolution to the problem. He said that just as Israel paid all damages to Jewish victims of the intifada, the Palestinian Anthority should take care of claims by Arabs, since it is the Arabs who were responsible for the mini-war. However, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair rejected this

in the High Court of Justice. Ben-Yair's position is that since Israel has controlled the territories for almost three decades, it cannot claim it is not responsible for what happened there. It also cannot retrocatively deny-

stand, saying it might not hold up

the plaintiffs' right to sue. Ben-Yair would support taking the suits out of the courts, but established for settling them - unless the PA agrees to take responsibility. His idea is to set up a compensation committee which would examine each case and compensate any innocent victim. Those who suffered damages because they were directly involved in intifada activity would obviously not be compensated. Finance Minister Avraham cabinet for a decision.

Shohat, who also participated in the meeting, sided with Peres. while Justice Minister David Liba'i said he stood somewhere between Peres and Ben-Yair. Moshe Shahal called for giving

the PA a lump sum to compensate Arabs claiming damages Irom israel. "And on the other side, give a

fund to the PA from which instances in which people were damaged can be compensated," Shahal told Army Radio.

Peres ordered Liba'i and Ben-Yair to prepare several alternative proposals by Friday. The issue will then be brought to the

## Irregularities are damaging PA election credibility - chief observer

SERIOUS irregularities by the Palestinian Authority are threatening the credibility of the Palestinian elections, the chief Euro-

pean observer stated yesterday. He urged PA Chairman Yasser Arafat to "take urgent steps to try to build public and international confidence in the election process."

Carl Lidbom, head of the European Union Electoral Unit (EUEU), said in a statement that he was disturbed that the central election commission (CEC) had been set up so late (December 22). He also said last week's addition of seats to several districts was done by presidential decree and not by the CEC, and apparently not according to strict population criteria. (Gaza City now has 14% of the seats and less than 10% of the voters.)

Lidbom questioned "the political independence of the CEC" and wondered why there has been no response to his requests for a meeting with Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), who chairs it.

Fahd hands over

gov't to brother

DUBAI (Reuter) - King Fahd of

Saudi Arabia handed the running

yesterday, so he could rest after

suffering a stroke in November.

The king, 73, who is also prime minister, issued the royal order

asking the crown prince "to un-

dertake the affairs of the state

Abdullah, about a year youn-

"I shall return to you whenever

I find myself in need of guidance

from your directives and recom-

mendations," he said in an accep-

tance message sent to the king.

He also wished the monarch

long life and good health and pledged his allegiance.

Full story, Page 5

consult him when necessary.

while we enjoy rest."

of the government to his younge brother, Crown Prince Abdullah,

The appointment of Abbas has itself been questioned, since he is a political figure and in the local PLO hierarchy is considered Arafat's deputy.

Lidbom criticized the reduction of the election campaign from 22. to 14 days, saying shortening the campaign "without any explana-tion breaches the Election Law and adds to the difficulties of independent candidates. It is debatable whether the 14 days now available for the official campaign can be regarded as sufficient.

Overall, the events of the past few days have created confusion and uncertainty, and give the impression of the arbitrary use of power to redesign the electoral ar-chitecture. The EUEU believes that the series of improvisations and irregularities should now cease if the forthcoming elections are to retain any credibility."

There was no immediate response from the CEC, but Lidbom's statements reflect the reservations about the elections stated by many opposition candidates who are running.

The Norwegian observation delegation issued its own critique of procedures, saying that even if the delay of the opening of the cam-paign is considered acceptable, we cannot see why those candidates already nominated should be

denied the right to campaign." The Washington-based National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the Carter Center also weighed in two days ago with concerns about timetable changes and bias in the Palestinian broadcast media against non-Fatah candidates. They were particularly concerned that police officers "will not be registered at the polling station where they vote.'

This could lead to multiplevoting, they said in a joint statement, and suggested "the use of indelible ink on fingers" to reduce the risk.

## Report: Airships may replace Golan early-warning stations

ON LEVY

DEFENSE authorities are examining airships for possible use as an alternative early warning systems on the Golan Heights, Israel Television's Channel 1 reported last night.

The airships under consideration - rigid balloons carrying an equipment gondola - are capable of cruising at up to 100 kilometers per hour and could reportedly function in place of the IDF early-warning ground stations on Mt. Hermon.

The type of airship proposed was developed by the US Westinghouse Corporation. It is gas-filled and designed to cruise ger than King Fahd, accepted the at an altitude of some 10,000 feet, carrying a payload of some seven task and told the king he would

> Rafael, the Armaments Development Authority, is also reportedly in the race to develop an aerial surveillance system based on a balloon. However, the Rafael model is said to be one that would be tethered in place at a much lower altitude, similar to the observation balloons used by the IDF in the Sinai.

> Similar airships are in use for a variety of military and civilian purposes around the world. In the US, for example, the Goodyear blimp is a familiar advertising vehicle, and other airships carry passenpers on air tours over cities and other scenic sites.

## Let casinos open here – Gavish panel

Proper supervision is necessary

Jerusalem Post Staff

THERE is no reason not to open casinos here after appropriate legislation is passed, the Gavish Committee on Casinos said in a report submitted yesterday to the Ministerial Committée on Gambling.

Care must be taken, however, to establish the proper supervisory apparatus, and to grant the police sufficient resources to deal with potential problems, before casinos are opened, the report said.

The report noted that casinotype gambling is already available to most Israelis, in illegal casinos being run in the country's major cities; in Taba; in gambling

ships off Eilat; and in Turkey.
Thus the country is exposed to the negative aspects of gambling such as the involvement of criminal elements and the export of foreign currency - without benefiting from the revenue generated. Among the recommendations is that a 20%-30% tax be levied on casino revenue.

There was a division of opinion The government is in a hurry to among committee members as to resolve the issue, because it is supposed to be included in a bill where the casinos should be loto enable implementation of the cated. Those with experience in interim agreement with the PLO. the field recommend that they be The first part of this bill was apopened in major vacation spots, like Eilat and the Dead Sea, but proved by the cabinet on Sunday, and the government wants both the police would rather they be parts through the Knesset closer to the center of the country, where they could be better before the PA elections on Janusupervised.

Other recommendations

• Only five casinos should open

• They should be independent establishments, rather than located in hotels.

 There should be restrictions on who can enter the casino, such as a minimum age. Patrons must identify themselves and be registered. Someone who is known to be a compulsive gambler would be forbidden entry.

· Hours of business should be restricted to from early evening to early morning

• Casinos would be forbidden to take steps common in other countries to encourage excessive gambling; for example, pumping oxygen into the casino to increase wakefulness, or extending credit to Israeli residents. Tourists could be given credit to gamble via credit cards.

The casinos could not advertise

 The license to operate a casino should cost several million doilars. Potential casino operators must demonstrate extensive experience in the field and sufficient financial backing. They cannot have a criminal record.

MK Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) said last night that if the government adopted the committee's recommendations, it would be grounds for a no-confidence motion.



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## Fighting continues in security zone

### Sneh confirms IDF uses dart-filled shells

HEAVY fighting continued in toparts of south Lebanon yesterday as Hizbullah continued attacking LDF and South Lebanese Army positions.

Late Sunday night, gunmen oppened fire with anti-tank weapingus and mortars at IDF and SLA positions in the Soujud area, in

the eastern sector of the zone. 12" There were no casualties, alathough the attack sparked exinchanges that continued sporadieally into the early hours of . yesterday morning.

Around noon yesterday, gunmen launched Katyusha rockets pat IDF and SLA outposts deep in the heart of the security zone, in the eastern sector, not far from the northern border.

Reports from Lebanon said some of the rockets exploded near the positions, less than one kilometer north of Metulla. Several rounds of mortars were also fired at the posts, as well as Sagger anti-tank missiles.

There were no casualties or <sup>1</sup> damage. IDF gunners returned fire, blasting Hizbullah targets i north of the zone.

Later in the afternoon, gunimen detonated an explosive **DAVID RUDGE and** news agencies

device alongside an SLA patrol in the Jezzine enclave north of the

Simultaneously, several rounds of mortars were fired at the soldiers, who escaped unhurt although an armored vehicle was reported to have been damaged. SLA gunners returned fire.

Meanwhile, Health Minister Ephraim Sneh yesterday confirmed, in an interview with Israel Radio, that the IDF is using dart-filled shells known as flechette rounds.

Such said the shells were designed for use against infantry and were highly effective in the battle against terrorists in south

He noted that there were many other types of armaments that had specific purposes, such as anti-aircraft and anti-tank shells

The flechette shells were a "very good weapon and most effective for hitting infantry targets," said Sneh, a former IDF commander in south Lebanon.

Sneh maintained that the use

of flechette ammunition was completely legitimate.

'We are, in effect, fighting infantry - terrorists - and they are targets for this ammunition. I don't see any ethical constraint here," he said.

Lebanese authorities have charged that the shells constitute an indiscriminate weapon and as such are banned by the Geneva Convention.

UNIFIL has also protested to the IDF over the use of the shells after three soldiers from the force's Norwegian battalion were wounded by flechette rounds fired at them by mistake by an IDF tank last month. Another Norwegian UNIFIL

soldier was killed in a similar incident, which occurred in the same area, near Blatt village inside the security zone, two years ago. A Lebanese civilian was killed

and five other people wounded by flechette shells fired by IDF tanks in Kabrikha village north of the security zone last Friday.

The firing on that occasion had come in response to an attack by Hizbullah on IDF and SLA positions in the Kantara region, in the western sector of the zone.



An elderly Palestinian yesterday joins Palestinian policemen in a traditional folk dance in Bethlehem's Manger Square, during celebrations marking Fatah Day, which marks the founding of the organization 31 years ago. The day passed quietly. (Reuter)

## Shamgar Commission resumes hearings

BILL HUTMAN

THE Shamgar Commission reopens hearings today after a twoweek recess, amid growing concern in the General Security Service that the inquiry's findings will lead to a major upheaval in

Tomorrow, attorney Eli Zohar, who is representing GSS head "K," has been summoned to appear before the commission. K and five other GSS officers, and a senior police officer, were sent letters last month warning they may be found responsible for security breaches leading to the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The seven officers all have the right to appear before the commission to defend themselves against the allegations.

Y, who formerly headed the GSS security department, and M., former VIP protection department head, are scheduled to testify today.

Amos Goren, a former GSS agent with the VIP protection department who spoke out strongly against the department's operations even before Rabin's murder, is to testify before the commission tomorrow.

## Orr: Response to Katyushas not tied to talks with Syria

LIAT COLLINS

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THE IDF is considering when and how to react to the Katyusha - attacks on the North, according to Deputy Defense Minister Ori \_ Orr (Labor).

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Answering several motions to the Knesset agenda on the weekend attacks on Kiryat Shmona, Orr said the decision on how to respond is not related to the negotiations with the Syrians.

"Any consideration on whether and how to act against Hizbulnight is completely detached from by the Syrian [issue]. It's a purely bayilitary decision ... You must understand that a military action is bilikely, but any action would prob-13 ably bring quiet for only a limited period," he said.

19.1 Orr noted many solutions had wheen tried in the past, including a the Palestinians will find a way to arwide and a narrow security zone. live to 615. We've been in Beirut and we've in borders much wider." he said. in borders much wider."

The family:

"That's nothing that hasn't been

tried in Lebanon. He rejected a call by Ovadia Eli (Likud) to mount a massive artillery attack against Lebanese villages: "Would that bring about

quiet in the area?" he asked. Orr implied that Iran was behind Hizbullah's actions and said: "To the best of our knowledge, the weekend attack could not be linked with the Syrians. Hizbullah does not ask Syria's permis-

sion before every action." Answering earlier motions on Yasser Arafat's speeches calling for the "liberation" of Jerusalem. Orr said Israel and the Palestinians are "undoubtedly divided on the subject."

But, he said, "I believe we and within the 1967 borders, but with-

BEIRUT (AP) - Lebanon will become the major economic and tourist center of the Middle East once a peace treaty with Israel is signed, Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said in remarks published yesterday.

In an interview with the Beirut daily An-"imminent," following the resumption of negotiations between Syria and Israel. Asked what would be Lebanon's role after

Israel signs peace accords with Syria and Lebanon, he said, "Lebanon will be the financial, commercial, cultural and touristic center of the region.

Hariri, who came to power three years ago after a deepening economic crisis brought

preparations we made in the past three years were designed to prepare the country for peace, if it happened, and to help it stand fast if peace did not materialize."

Hariri's government has launched a multi-Nahar, Hariri said peace in the Middle East is billion-dollar program to rebuild Lebanon from the devastation of the 1975-90 civil war, which killed more than 150,000 people and wreaked \$25 billion worth of property

Hariri rejected the theory that Lebanon's role will be decided in Syrian-Israeli talks.

"We decide our role. When we go to the negotiations, our role will be defined by our own will," he said.

## Coalition chairman upset over 'unnecessary' use of waiver

LIAT COLLINS

Cohen.

COALITION and Labor faction chairman MK Ra'anan Cohen yesterday warned the government the faction would not be turned into "a rubber stamp." He also accused ministers of opening themselves up to justified criticism by the opposition over the way the government presented the bill on the implementation of the interim agreement with the Palestinians.

The bill contains clauses which need to be approved to allow the Palestinian Authority elections to go ahead on January 20 as planned. It was approved by the cabinet on Sunday.

"It's a serious abuse of what is written in the Knesset House Rules. It's just playing into the opposition's hands in a big way," said Cohen. "Why couldn't they [the government] have prepared it just that much earlier and avoided all these accusations by the opposition?

"That's why I warned the government that, just like they knew to prepare the bill months ago, they should have known to submit it on time instead of skipping the [48-hours] clause. It's not respectable; it's not nice; and it's not healthy. And it's definitely not democratic. It gives the appearance of making a mockery of

(Continued from Page 1)

appoint one-seventh of the city

council's religious council

Previous court rulings have

also stated that non-Orthodox

Jews may serve on the councils,

as long as they favor the provision

of religious services. Non-Ortho-

dox Jews can only be disqualified

if they are personally unsuitable

However, the Haifa, Kiryat Ti-

von, and Jerusalem city councils

all rejected the Reform and Con-

servative candidates proposed by

Meretz. Meretz therefore peti-

tioned the court, charging that its

candidates were disqualified sole-

In Haifa's case, Justices Eliahu

Mazza, Zvi Tal, and Tova Stras-

berg-Cohen noted that all the

council members had praised

Meretz's candidates on a person-

al level. They were disqualified

only because of their religious af-

ly for their religious affiliation.

candidates.

the Knesset procedure. "This is not what the House Rules intended. The waiver was meant for truly special cases. The reasons given [for the waiverl were not convincing. And I don't want the faction to turn into a rubber stamp," said.

In order to rush the bill through its three Knesset readings, the government asked the House Committee to approve the waiver of the rule demanding that 48 hours elapse between a bill being submitted to the Knesset and the plenum discussion.

House Committee chairman Elie Goldschmidt (Labor) used his automatic right to approve the waiver, but not before hearing severe criticism of the handling of the bill from both coalition and opposition MKs.

The deputy attorney-general in charge of legislation, Shlomo Guberman, told the committee the bill must pass by January 20. "It's a matter of international obligations," said Guberman. "All we're asking is for the committee to give MKs a chance to exercise their rights to review the law by bringing forward the reading of The bill is expected to come up

in the plenum today.

## **Petition over** bypass road withdrawn

**EVELYN GORDON** 

THREE Al-Bira residents yesterday withdrew a petition to the High Court of Justice against an addition to the Ramallah bypass road, after the state promised to re-evaluate the need for it in a-

The petition was filed against a 250-meter addition to the road, meant to ensure that it passes through territory controlled solely by the IDF. To build it, the petitioners' land was expropriated for five years.

Attorney Avigdor Feldman, representing the petitioners, said the expropriation could not be justified by security needs, because the Palestinian Police are disciplined professionals who are committed to peace with Israel and would not harm settlers.

However, government attor-ney Yehuda Sheffer pointed out there are still many opponents of the peace process in the territories, some of whom might well wind up in the Palestinian Police.

Justices Shlomo Levine, Yitzhak Zamir, and Tova Strasberg-Cohen seemed inclined to accept Sheffer's argument. Feldman, therefore, agreed to a compromise whereby the road will be built, but the need for it will be re-evaluated.

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filiation, and this is unacceptable, the justices said.

In the case of Jerusalem and Kiryat Tivon, however, there was never any discussion of whether Meretz's candidates were suitable on the individual level. The court therefore ordered the two city councils to hold a discussion on this subject and vote again on the candidates within 60 days.

The court rejected a suggestion by the mayor of Kiryat Tivon that the religious council membership should be set not according to the relative strength of the political parties, but according to the relative weight of different religious streams among consumers of religious council services. This criteria would effectively prevent Reform and Conservative Jews, who are only a tiny fraction of this group, from being represented on the councils. However, said bership is a purely political, rather than a religious issue. Tal, who is the court's only reli-

gious justice, supported the verdict. However, he suggested that if religious council membership is really a purely political issue, it should be possible to reject candidates due to coalition considerations, as is done with respect to other political issues. Haim Shapiro adds:

Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar-Yashuv Cohen, who is likely to be the first to be actually faced with candidates who are members of the Conservative and Reform movements, said that he is not concerned with the affiliation of religious council members, but rather whether they are personally observant.

It is possible, Cohen said, that someone affiliated with the Conservative movement could be acceptable, although he doubted if someone affiliated with the Re-Mazza, religious council mem- form movement could be.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Carmela Buhbut goes free today Carmela Buhbut, who was convicted in October 1994 of killing her husband after he had abused her for 24 years, is being released from prison today. Buhbut had originally been sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for the February 1994 killing, but the Supreme Court, in response to her appeal, reduced her sentence to three years. A third of her sentence was then taken off for good behavior.

'People to People' to link Arabs and Jews Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr yesterday invited the mayor of Kfar Sava and the head of the Emek Hefer Local Council to join in a pioneering project to create mutual trust among residents of neighboring Palestinian and Israeli towns. Named "People to People," the project will foster exchange visits by community leaders, police officials, high school pupils, and so

Barak meets settlement leaders Three settlement leaders met with Foreign Minister Ehud Barak yesterday, continuing a dialogue with government ministers that has been taking place with increasing frequency since the Rabin assassination. Shlomo Katan, head of the Alfei Menashe Local Council, said that Barak seemed surprised at a number of matters the settlement leaders raised, including why

Herb Keinon building in Alfei Menashe is frozen. Hamas disavows 3 members' candidacies Harnas issued a leaflet yesterday dissociating itself from the candidacies of three of its members - Ismail Haniye, Khaled Hindi, and Said Namrouti - who declared their candidacies as independents on Sunday, along with a fourth Islamic activist, Nasser Muzaini. Meanwhile, former Hamas weekly Al-Waton editor Imad Falouji, who is running as an independent, said in

the daily Al-Ayyam that, "There are many, not only in

Hamas, but in the Islamic movement, who call for building a

Palestinian society on a sound, democratic basis." Teenager gets 16 years for killing Arab
The Jerusalem District Court yesterday sentenced to 16 years a Jewish teenager who shot to death a Palestinian farmer as he tended his field. The youth, a resident of Shilo, was 16 at the time of the murder in December 1993. The youth had fled to the US but later turned himself in. He had pleaded innocent, but was convicted last month based on testimony from Fatma Abu-Awad, widow of the slain Khamis Abu-Awad. The name of the teen-aged settler has not been made public, because he

Negotiators meet with ambassadors Israel's negotiators with Syria yesterday briefed the ambassadors of Egypt and Jordan in Washington about the progress of the talks, Israel Radio reported last night. Chief negotiator Uri Savir told them the Syrian representatives are determined to achieve progress toward peace, but that Israel expects more substantive concessions.

Zvilli blasts Ben-Eliezer plan Labor Party secretary-general Nissim Zvilli yesterday strongly

was tried as a minor.

condemned Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer's proposal that Israel pay the PLO to curtail terrorism over the next 10 months to enable Labor to win the elections. "I am strenuously opposed to any outside interference in Israel's electoral process," he stressed.

Riskin: Life more important than land "When push comes to shove, life is more important than land. Better a broken land and a whole people, than a broken people and a whole land," Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, of Efrat, told a mainly hostile audience at the Chief Rabbinate in Jerusalem last night. Riskin said that while he would continue to fight for the existence and growth of Jewish communities in the territories, he would go along if a majority vote mandates that the settlers

must leave. "We have to accept democratic rules," he said.

Two women MKs receive death threats MKs Naomi Chazan (Meretz) and Yael Dayan (Labor) yesterday received death threats due to their support for homosexuals and lesbians. Police are investigating. Liat Collins

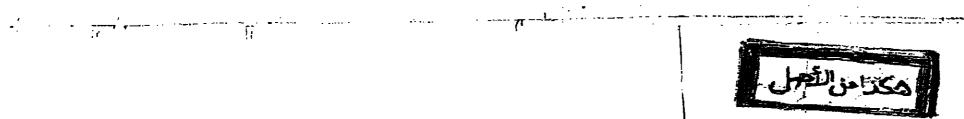
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ers in Ketziot "indicates that the IDF is not able to protect prisoners under its jurisdiction." He said there is no justification

for the IDF to treat 16-year-olds as adults. DCI has requested a meeting with the chief military prosecutor

on the matter. The IDF military prosecutor is looking into the matter, the IDF

Spokesman said yesterday. Veermon said there were at last 25 such teenagers in Ketziot, who he knew were held together

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Jordan, Israel jointly fighting pests Cooperation among Jordanians, Palestinians, and Israelis is expected to kill off mosquitoes and flies plaguing Jordan Rift residents. Dozens of fly traps have been set up along 40 kilometers of the Israeli-Jordanian border since April by scientists from both countries. After the flies were caught, they were dusted with a special fluorescent powder and released to monitor their movements.

According to Prof. Yoel Margalit, of Ben-Gurion University's life sciences department, "Now that we understand the problem, we can work on a practical solution to wipe out the pests in cooperation with the Jordanians and Palestinians."

Peace Watch to monitor PA elections Peace Watch, the independent Oslo accords monitoring group, has been notified by the Palestinian central election committee that it may serve as an official observer of the Palestinian elections.

Article V of the Oslo 2 accords states that observers "including those representing non-governmental organizations will also be present." Peace Watch publishes in-depth reports on Israeli and Palestinian compliance with the accords. It has been especially watchful of the election process.

Clalit losing fewer members than expected Kupat Holim Chalit was the only health fund to suffer a relative decline in membership over the past six months - but the drop was lower than some had expected. The new health insurance system allows free movement from one insurer to another every six months.

According to official National Insurance Institute statistics. Clalit's share of the country's 5.49 million residents is now 66.74%, compared to 67.61% at the end of June. Maccabi has 17.08%, compared to 16.57%; Leumit 8.56%, compared to 8.41%; and Menhedet 7.62%, compared to 7.41%.

Two kibbutz officials suspected of fraud Two kibbutz officials were released on bail yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday after they had been arrested on suspicion of fraud.

Carmit Doron, 39, of Kibbutz Shoval, the legal adviser to the Kibbutz Artzi movement, and Micha Rinat, 60, of Kibbutz Mizra, the manager of Tali, a subsidiary of the Phoenix company, are suspected of having transferred tens of millions of shekels from the firm, which is owned by Kibbutz Artzi, to another firm, to help Kibbutz Artzi avoid paying creditors.

2 convicted for spitting on Rabin's grave Avraham Birnbaum, 19, and Yehuda Kugel, 20, students at the Be'er Hatorah yeshiva in Jerusalem, were convicted of illegally entering a cemetery and dishonoring the dead by the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court yesterday. Sentencing will be at the end of the month. The prosecution has requested they be

given prison sentences. The two were arrested at 2 a.m. on November 15 after they were discovered spitting on Yitzhak Rabin's grave. They both expressed remorse, and Kugel even offered to "go to the grave and ask Rabin for forgiveness."

Report: Booming business in plagiarism A number of firms are doing a thriving business in selling research papers to university students throughout the country,

Army Radio reported yesterday. A proposal for an academic paper, including an outline, introductory chapter, and bibliography, can cost between NIS 2,000 and NIS 3,500. A full research paper can cost between NIS 7,000-NIS 9,000, while a doctoral thesis can run

tens of thousands of shekels. Tel Aviv University rector Prof. Dan Amir said his university is aware of the problem, but that it is very hard to

The owner of one such firm insisted that his is a legitimate business, that gives receipts for its work. "It's a research report like any other," he said. "What you do with it is your own private business." Jerusalem Post Staff

Safed resident turns 100

Tanhum Gurelik, a recent immigrant from Latvia, celebrated his 100th birthday in his new hometown of Safed yesterday. Speaking with the press after a congratulatory visit by the mayor, Gurelik said the secret of his longevity is keeping calm and enjoying life. "I never get angry, don't eat a lot, and love to hike," said the centenarian. "That's why I came to live in

Israel Prize winners named

Profs. Shlomo Avineri, Moshe Barash, and Meir Sternberg were named vesterday as winners of this year's Israel Prize; Avineri in the field of political science, Barash in art history, and Sternberg in literary criticism. Minister of Science and the Arts Shulamit Aloni phoned each of the winners to

Court rejects private eye's petition The High Court of Justice yesterday rejected a petition by private investigator David Spector, which asked the state to give him numerous documents relating to him from its investigation of the media wiretapping case. The state said it had already given Spector all the relevant documents, and the court said it is not equipped to judge the truth of this statement.
If Spector wants additional documents, he should request them as part of various civil suits he is filing, it said. Evelyn Gordon

## 'Palestinian teens imprisoned with adults'

"We know that 1,000 prisoners DOZENS of Palestinian 16- and 17-year-olds are being held in are to be released this month bemilitary prisons together with cause of the elections and hope that the minors will be released adults, although they are considered minors under international law, and are kept separate from . He estimated some 150 youths older inmates in civilian Israeli in jail, most of whom were arrestjails, according to Defense of ed last year and detained without

Children International. Spokesman Philip Veermon In a non-security related case said yesterday that the organizarecently, a 17-year-old Palestintion is concerned because a B'tseian was sentenced to 51/2 years for lem report showing widespread stealing a car in Petah Tikva. He torture of some prisoners by othwill not be held with adults, but apart from the severity of the sentence, he will not be rehabilitated as Israeli youths convicted of similar offenses would be, since

> rael, Veermon said. **CELLULAR PHONES** Rental/Sales From 8 shekele/day monthly rate noting. 950 shekele/day.

there are no rehabilitation programs for Palestinian youth in Is-

## Security to be on full alert for Hussein's Tel Aviv visit

King Hussem's anticipated visit to Tel Aviv next Wednesday.

Although the police have not yet made final arrangements, sources said that more than 1,500 policemen, border policemen, soldiers, and other security personnel will guard each place Hussein is scheduled to visit. Reinforcements will also be brought in from other districts if necessary.

The Jordanian king's first public appearance in the city is the naming of a trauma unit

at Ichilov Hospital after murdered prime minister Yitzhak Rabin. He will also visit Kikar Rabin, where the prime minister was assassinated on November 4.

Hussein will arrive by helicopter, landing at the city's Sde Dov Airport. Large sections of the city will be sealed off as Hussein is expected to visit other sites. But a senior police officer yesterday was quite calm about the

Clinton and other dignitaries, so Hussein's visit, although an historical one, should not present insurmountable security problems for us," he said.

From Tel Aviv Hussein will continue to Beit Gavriel, on the shores of the Kinneret, where he will participate in a peace award ceremony honoring Jordanian Ambassador to the US Faiz Tarawneh and Elyakim Rubinstein for their promotion of peace between Israel and

## Jews return to Joseph's Tomb

HERB KEINON

THE IDF allowed 40 yeshiva students and worshipers into Joseph's Tomb in Nablus yesterday, the first time it has been opened to more than a token number of students since the city was handed over to the Palestinians three weeks ago.

At the same time, three of the 13 Jews issued administrative orders barring them from entering the tomb appealed those orders before a military court.

The IDF Spokesman said that until further notice, only 40 people will be allowed into the toinb at a time, and they will be driven there in IDF vehicles from the Kawara Junction, south of

"We have returned," said Hillel Lieberman, a student at the Od Yosef Hai veshiva.

But, he said, because of the administrative orders which have barred three of the yeshiva's main rabbis from entering the compound, and because of the new situation in Nablus, "we have mixed emotions.

"On one hand we are obviously very happy to be back, after not being here for so long. On the other hand, the situation is not what it used to be."

Under the Oslo agreement, Palestinian policemen are stationed outside the site, non-uniformed IDF security officers are inside, and joint Palestinian-Israeli units patrol the access

Lieberman said he had no contact with the Palestinian policemen. "I didn't go outside [the compound]," he said, "and since we drove here in military vehi-



New OC Navy Adm. Alex Tal has his insignia uncovered yesterday by his wife as Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres and Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak look on.

### Sarid: Local councils must check radon levels in schools

**BATSHEVA TSUR** 

obliged to check radon concenclassrooms, Environment Minis- mitted levels. Yossi Sarid said yesterday. following the discovery of abnormally high levels of the gas in a Jerusalem school.

Knesset's Education Committee that the school in Jerusalem's East Talpiot section would remain closed at least until the end of the week, as his ministry contimes to look into the radon concentrations there.

"As long as there is any doubt." no pupil will study there," Sarid said after committee chairwoman

Knesset House Committee.

cannot just be ignored."

ALL local councils will be Dalia Itzik (Labor) demanded -- large Israeli flag on her car, drove trations in ground-floor school where radon levels are below per- her way to Jerusalem, even

perts and others believed that the gas may have been released by the recent earthquake. But experts Sarid told a meeting of the from the Sorek nuclear research at the entrance to the city reportcenter, who were at the meeting, said this was unlikely.

Meanwhile, anxious parents and teachers demanded that a full inquiry into the source of the gas be held. They were joined by the , husband of a teacher, who had originally requested that the radon levels be checked after she contracted cancer.

## Ofra resident runs roadblock, drives through Ramallah

ERNA Korvos, of Ofra, flying a that pupils study only in rooms , through Ramallah yesterday on though the city - which was handed over to the Palestinians last

> to Israeli traffic. IDF soldiers at the roadblock ed that when Korvos reached the roadblock, she sped through it and did not listen to their

week - has not yet been opened

"I have driven on the road for 16 years," Korvos said. "I don't have to stop using it now."

Korvos, who drove through the town with a hitchhiker she had picked up, said that no one tried

**HERB KEINON** 

to stop her.

"They don't touch us," she said of the Palestinian Police. 'We must remain here. It is a mitzva to live here, and we must stav here."

Korvos said that the Ramallah bypass road, which serves residents of Beit El and Ofra, is too narrow. "It is dangerous to drive there. It is crowded, and people drive very fast," she said. "It also

takes me a lot longer." As to whether driving through Ramaliah with a large Israeli flag is safe, Korvos said, "I am only

afraid of God." Korvos said that she tried to day morning, but was turned back by an IDF-manned road-

block. "They told me the city would back."

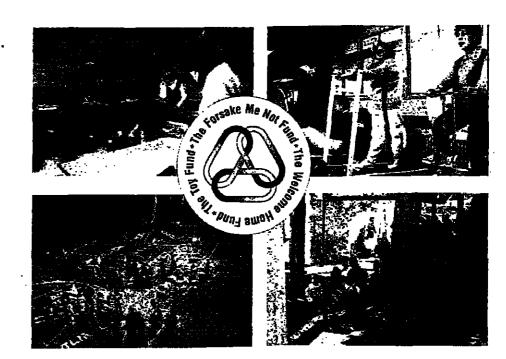
Korvos said that she did not get any response while driving through Ramallah, "No one stopped me," she said. "There was no response. I didn't see the police."

Korvos drives to the Shalom'al Yisrael synagogue in Jericho every other week, and said she is used to the Palestinian Police. "They don't worry about us," she said. "We have no contact with

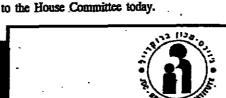
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Forum to discuss Yahalom's

voting for colleague on budget

NEWS footage showing MK Shaul Yahalom (National Religious Party) stretching over his sleeping colleague MK Hanan Porat to vote

for him on a budget clause last week is to be discussed today by the

has also been filed to the Knesset Ethics Committee.

There is a 10-second period in which the vote is recorded.

A complaint by Coalition Chairman MK Ra'anan Cohen (Labor)

The vote took place during last week's lengthy budget debate. The

The electronic voting system requires MKs to simultaneously press

"In all my years in the Knesset I have never seen anything like it,"

Yahalom refused to comment, saying he would give his explanation

said Cohen. "It's a serious, dangerous and unprecedented act which

two buttons on their consoles, that are about an arm's length apart.

Channel 2 tape clearly shows Yahalom pressing the two buttons at his

own seat before reaching over Porat and pressing the buttons for him,

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## Revelers say goodbye to '95, hello to '96

## Japan welcomes Year of the Rat

NEW YORK (AP) - Around the world, it was time to bid 1995 a fond farewell and herald the start of a new year.

Bells and whistles welcomed the Year of the Rat in Japan and nature-lovers saluted the end of 1995 in the nude on a chilly French beach.

In New York City, vendors crowded the streets hawking hats and noisemakers for the annual monster party in Times Square. The centerpiece of the revelry was a new ball outfitted with strobes, halogen lamps, a fog machine and 12,000

After four years of war, the people of Sarajevo were able to savor the simple pleasures of warmth and light and to hope

for enduring peace.
In central Sarajevo's pedestrian zone, neighbors and friends shook hands and embraced, wishing each other better for-tune in 1996. The shattered city was dotted with warm lights provided by re-stored electricity, and people gathered in their apartments, bars and cafes to celebrate.

. Millions of Japanese streamed to shrines and temples to pray for no repeats of 1995's terrors - the devastating Kobe earthquake and Tokyo subway gas attack— and welcomed the Year of the Rat with a clamor of bells and whistles.

The rat, which starts a new 12-year cycle in the Oriental zodiac, symbolizes wealth. In farming communities of the past, a house without rats was a house without

About 3,000 Chinese climbed a section of the Great Wall outside Beijing as part of a campaign to promote outdoor sports and physical fitness. The organizers, including the Chinese Mountaineering Association, had hoped to draw 10,000 climbers.

 Thousands braved temperatures of 5 degrees Fahrenheit (-17 Celsius) in Moscow's Red Square to ring in 1996. As the clock on the Kremlin's Spassky tower chimed midnight, they set off a fusillade of fire crackers, smashed champagne bottles and posed for photos with military guards in



Tens of thousands of people brave a foggy, cold night in London to ring in the New Year at Trafalgar Square.

front of the Lenin mausoleum. One reveler was dressed as Lenin, others as Father Frost and his sidekick, Snow

Fireworks also lit up the harbor in Sydney, Australia. Twelve people were arrested at Bondi Beach after police were pelted with rocks and bottles while trying to disperse a crowd of several hundred revelers. No one was seriously injured.

In Montpellier, France, 80 nudists washed off 1995 with a Sunday afternoon skinny dip in the Mediterranean. The sun was shining at the French Riviera town, but the water was a cool 48 degrees F (9

In Boston, which lays claim to throwing the country's original First Night celebration, more than one million people packed the streets to celebrate, without alcohol. Their evening was capped by a midnight fireworks display over the barbor.

In Las Vegas, it cost \$10 to enter downtown's glittering Fremont Street as officials tried to avoid a rowdy, bottle-throwing clash like one with police a couple of years

ago.
"It's wall-to-wall people on the Strip," said Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Steve Harney. "But they've been very cooperative.

With confetti raining down, an estimated 500,000 revelers came together at America's most famous New Year's Eve party to watch a flashier, refurbished version of the famous Times Square ball mark the beginning of 1996.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani activated a laser to bring down the flashier, revamped ball from its pole. The high-tech system replaced the six men who used to lower the 225-kilo sphere with pulley ropes.

The new sphere was outfitted with strobes, halogen lamps, a fog machine and 12,000 rhinestones.

The celebration turned deadly in Italy and the Philippines.

In the Philippines, at least 11 people were killed and hundreds were injured as residents defied a ban on powerful firecrackers and guns. Police and health officials yesterday said six of those killed were hit by stray bullets, two got blasted by firecrackers, and two were stabbed in drinking sprees

One woman victim died after she was hit by a bullet fired by a drunk theological seminary student in the southern city of General Santos.

In Italy, three deaths were blamed on New Year's Eve fireworks, including a 16month-old baby who swallowed explosives and a nine-year-old girl hit in the head by an exploding rocket while she celebrated with friends.

## India vacations, big desserts are hot in '96

for 1996: big desserts, flying squirrels and vacations in

That's according to The American Forecaster Almanac 1996, so hip that its 13th edition has its own site on the Internet's World Wide Web.

Author Kim Long bases his 244-page forecast on gleanings from hundreds of newspapers, magazines, trade journals, newsletters, surveys, databases and

In his 1995 almanac, Long accurately predicted the waning popularity of Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, but missed the mark when he forecast that the Dow Jones stock average would peak at 4100. It ends the year

His newest findings point up one trend with staying power:
"The baby boomers still are the biggest thing demographically. Long said.

As the one-third of the population born between 1946 and 1964 begins reaching its 50s, baby boomers will be making an even bigger splash as they get more leisure time and more money to

They'll be leading the pack of consumers embracing so-called "vanity drugs" - concoctions to smooth wrinkles and and grow hair. They'll also lose the pinstripes as they begin to dress

Among the younger crowd, laser removal of tattoos will become popular in '96. And twentysomethings will drop grunge in favor of dressing up.

For now, Americans of all ages may have had their fill of drive-through food. Long predicts a re-

DENVER (AP) - What will be in surgence of full-service restaurants, where patrons will treat themselves to big desserts literally.

"Larger portions," Long said. "That is part of a trend toward self-indulgence.

Long stopped short of making too much of the dessert trend. It's been happening quietly for years, he said.

"Somewhere else in their diet they've been good boys or girls, so they pig out elsewhere in their diet." Long said. "Restaurants have noticed customers eating larger dessert portions and now they're making larger portions

But forget non-alcoholic beer. Erstwhile teetotalers are starting to backslide to the real thing, or switching to soft drinks. And while microbreweries will continue to boom, flavored coffees and carbonated water will fizzle, a result of market saturation.

Come vacation time, Long says more Americans will consider a trip to India in '96 as more US hotel franchises build

The trendiest pet in 1996? The flying squirrel, which already is a popular choice in England, Long said. And look for dog owners to train their canine companions for

dog agility contests.

"A lot of people always felt a little guilty about their dogs, who were bred to do something and got fat and lazy," he said. "Now people can brag about what their dogs is complied of doing." dog is capable of doing."

Long also foresees more in store after '96.

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"In the next five years, you are going to see bigger changes than in the last 10," Long

## Pope in address: Adults owe youngsters a peaceful future

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-VATICAN CITY (AP) - Making young people the focus of his New Year's wishes, Pope John Paul II said yesterday that adults owe it to children to guarantee a future of peace in the next

In a tradition started by Pope Paul VI, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates January 1 as World Peace Day, and this pope decided to dedicate 1996 to children, especially those suffering from war or other violence.

"Every child, you can say, is a symbol of human history that begins all over, with tenacious pope said. "May the Lord allow hope." John Paul told tourists and pilgrims in St. Peter's Square who turned out for his New Year's blessing at noon.

Saturday

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"The children of the Earth, in this tiny part of the century, are the seeds of the third millennium. Let's not extinguish the hope in their heart; let's not smother their expectations for peace," the

He continued: "It's truly important that we adults think about ensuring that children have a future of peace. It's our task, our responsibility. "By now we're taking big

strides toward the historic crossing-line of 2000, an important step in the path of humanity," the us to reach it renewed in spirit and generous in creating a world that is more united and welcoming."

## Ready or not, another US election year is here

CAMPAIGN 1996 began yesterday, offering a politically divided nation the opportunity to set a path for itself into a new millennium.

The election poses unprecedented challenges to both parties as a restless electorate that rejected Republicans in 1992 and Democrats in 1994 casts a skeptical eye on the alternatives and beckons independent politicians to enter the fray.

Between now and November 5, several hundred million dollars will be spent in the battle for the White House, 33 Senate races and 435 House contests. But if early forecasts prove correct - a dubious proposition considering the history of such predictions - the political stalemate over the role of government and the dest use of scar sources may remain unbroken.

President Clinton, bidding to become the first Democratic president elected to two full terms since Franklin D. Roosevelt, is attempting something no other Democrat has accomplished.

Never before has an elected Democratic president seen the opposition capture both chambers of Congress in the midterm election, then come back to win a second term for himself. The closest parallel was Harry S. Truman, who overcame a midterm Republican landslide in his famous 1948 upset, but he had been the vice presidential candidate with

On the Republican side, Senate Majority Leader Robert J. Dole, Kan., holds commanding advantages over his eight rivals. He leads in fund-raising, endorsements and all the pre-primary polls. But Dole has failed in three previous tries for national office, and, if nominated, would face a precedent-breaking challenge of his own.

Never in American history has the electorate chosen a president who was a generation older than the incumbent. Dole is 23 years older than Clinton, the biggest such gap in the annals of the presidency.

Unprecedented also is the flight of incumbents from Congress, one of many factors clouding the prospects for the other half of the 1996 election. The dozen retirees from the Senate is the largest number since the direct election of senators began 80 years ago.

Along with another heavy wave of retirees in the House, it guarantees that the new Congress will include a large number of freshmen. If they are like the big first-year classes elected in 1992 and 1994, they may well add to the policy polarization that has made this one of DAVID S. BRODER WASHINGTON

the most partisan eras this century. With eight of the 15 Senate Democrats up for re-election this year choosing to retire, compared to only four of the 18 Republicans, Democrats have little prospect of picking up the four seats they would need (along with

Vice President Al Gore's tie-breaking vote) to regain a Senate majority. Democratic chances appear little brighter in the House, where retirements, particularly in the South, again jeopardize chances of a

So far, 23 House Democrats have an nounced plans to retire or run for other office, while only 10 House Republicans are bailing

Both numbers likely will increase as state filing deadlines approach.

Democrats console themselves that the seats being vacated have stronger Democratic constituencies than those opened up by retirements in 1994. "This time, unlike last, the Republicans are holding more of our districts (those with historical patterns of Democratic voting) than we are holding of theirs." one Democratic strategist argued

Nonetheless, Rep. Bill Paxon (NY), chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, has predicted GOP gains of 20 to 30 seats, which would reduce Democratic ranks to the lowest level since the Great Depression began in 1929.

Paxon based his optimism not just on an upsurge in campaign contributions since the 1994 breakthrough and "spectacular recruitment success" in lining up candidates for November, but also on the belief, as he put it, long as we are the conservative party, we'll do

health-care plan as a convenient symbol of the Big Government they promised to battle. This year, when their drive for a balanced budget ran up against such popular programs as Medicare and Medicaid, environmental

cleanup and college loans, approval of

In 1994 they were able to use the Clinton

that "the country is conservative now, and as

That proposition remains to be tested. The 73 House GOP freshmen have won a reputation for stubborn adherence to the "Contract With America" promises they made in their first campaigns, but none has faced scrutiny as

Congress took a dive. For now the budget dispute has boosted Clinton's standing and put the Republican

resurgence in jeopardy. It appeared that the GOP had solved the hardest part of the electoral puzzle in 1994 when it ended 40 years of partial or complete Democratic control of Congress.

Republicans had won the White House in five of the last seven elections, and doing it again - against a candidate who had captured only 43 percent of the vote in 1992 - seemed no insurmountable challenge.

But Clinton has proved to be indestructible. His approval ratings, which soared at the end of 1993 with victories on the North Amerthen collapsed at the end of 1994 with the health care fiasco and the midterm election rout, are back at their peak with the end of

He has a double-digit lead over Dole in trial heat polls and simulations prepared for the White House indicate that if the election were held now, he might win more than the 370. electoral votes he received in 1992.

Election Day is more than 11 months away, but Clinton has the advantage of being the first Democratic president since FDR to escape a serious challenge for renomination.

Clinton will have almost \$40 million of private contributions and federal matching money to use between now and August, when he and his GOP opponent will receive another pair of government checks to pay for the run

Two other distinctive features of 1996 pose a challenge to both parties. This will be the first national election conducted since the 'motor voter" law made it far easier for people to become registered voters.

Already some eight million names have been added to the rolls in drivers'-license bureaus, welfare and unemployment offices and other venues, a tempting target for Democrats if they can get these younger, poorer people to vote.

And the foreshortened Republican-nomination contest - with 70 percent of the delegates to be chosen in a seven-week period from early February to late March - "means the general election will likely begin on March 27," the day after the California primary. deputy Clinton campaign manager Ann Lewis

The Washington Post

## Tiger kills tipsy man in Calcutta

CALCUTTA, India (AP) - A tiger killed a tipsy young man and mauled his friend yesterday after they tried to put a marigold garland around its neck as a gesture of New Year's Calcutta zoo officials said.

The victims, Suresh Rai and Prakesh Tiwari, both in their 20s, had gone to Calcutta to celebrate the New Year.

Both had a few drinks and were drunk when they decided to do something unique - garland one of the Royal Bengal tigers on New Year's Day.

Calcutta is close to the Sunderbans delta, the natural habitat of the endangered Royal Bengal Tiger. The two men bought the

garlands from vendors, and somehow crossed the horseshoe-shaped moat that separates the tigers' enclosure. When Rai threw the gar-

land around the neck of a 13-year-old male tiger named 'Shiva', after the Hindu God of destruction - the tiger jumped and attacked him.

Seeing that the fun was about to turn into a tragedy. Rai's friend Tiwari intervened.

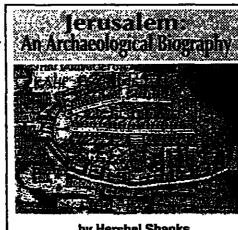
Tiwari kicked the tiger in its face, hoping that the boot would force the beast to release his friend.

The tiger did release Rai, but attacked Tiwari.



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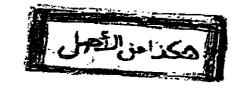


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## Bosnians greet New Year with joyful gunfire

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - Bosni-ans greeted the New Year's fresh start of peace yesterday with a barrage of joy from guns used just weeks ago in a war which killed 200,000 people.

Sarajevo's midnight sky was lit up with machinegum tracer fire and flare bursts as citizens and armed groups welcomed 1996 in an atmosphere of celebration, not anger.

Tuzla, the north Bosnian town that is becoming headquarters of 20,000 US peacekeepers, echoed to automatic gunfire as young civilians leaned from their windows to fire into the air.

The Serbian stronghold of Banja Luka, the biggest town in Bosnian Serb-held territory, shook at midnight to a fusillade that any front line would have been proud of, residents said.

The shooting had been grudgingly anticipated by NATO, as-sembling a 60,000-strong force to police a hard-won peace accord and keep rival Moslem, Croat and Serbian armies apart.

A NATO spokesman, Major Tom Moyer, described the shooting as "undisciplined fire." Bosnian government police reported only one person wounded.

NATO's operation received a boost on Sunday when US engineers finally beat the weather and spanned the Sava river border between Croatia and Bosnia with a pontoon bridge.

But US military traffic over the troubled structure eased yesterday to avoid creating a New Year's Day traffic jam and the army said the structure needed repair after only 24 hours.

US NATO spokesman Major Tom Moyer said only about 50 vehicles, a third of Sunday's level, were expected to cross the bridge, which forms the border between Croatia and Bosnia.

"We don't have the command and control structure to get them moving out on the other [Bosnian] side," he said.

The army said a troublesome offshore island would have to be repaired with yet more gravel on top of the \$1 million worth used so far in the biggest operational bridge the US army has built since World War II.

Armored vehicles, Jeep-style Humvee trucks and 70-ton Abram tanks drove south over the Sava on the pontoon bridge, completed on Sunday after a series of weather-related de-

Altogether 148 vehicles and 436 troops crossed the swollen. river on Sunday, the first day of an operation to move much of the US contingent to the Bosnian peace Implementation Force (IFOR) from rear bases in

Effectively a world army, IFOR is meant to cement - if necessary, enforce - a settlement grudgingly accepted by the warring combatants, of Europe's worst war in half a

prince takes over

Crown

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) King Fand temporarily handed over the rems of government yes-terday to Crown Prince Abdullah and said he needed to rest, a reference to his continuing poor health.

The announcement by the Saudi monarch cast further doubts about his well-being, and was certain to cause jitters in oil markets when trading resumes today after the New Year's holiday.

A decree by Fahd, an over-weight, diabetic in his early 70s, did not say how much time the king needed to recuperate and didn't give any details about the state of his health.

"Because we wish to spend some time resting and recuperating and because of your highness' good character... we entrust you in this decree to take over management of government affairs while we enjoy rest and recuperation," Fahd's decree said.

The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Abdullah as saving in a letter to the king that he would consult the monarch "whenever I find myself in need for your counsel and recommendations."

Prince Abdullah, who is also in. his 70s, said nothing would make him happier than seeing King Fahd back at the helm.

The amouncement was seen as an attempt to assure the world and international markets that Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest



Saudi Arabia's King Fahd (right) hands over the government to his brother, Crown Prince Abdullah, yesterday. The leader has been suffering from poor health following a stroke in November.

oil exporter, was not rudderless. News of Abduliah taking temporary charge of the country was not likely to undermine Saudi Arabia's standing as one of the most stable Middle East countries despite pressure from Mos-

lem fundamentalists advocating

stricter observation of Islamic laws and intellectuals pressing for political reforms.

Abdullah later yesterday chaired the weekly cabinet meeting as he has done since Fahd was admitted to a hospital November 30 suffering from what an official statement said was a "temporary health emergency

A team of US physicians was flown in to treat him, a fact that suggested his condition was more serious than officially disclosed. US sources in Washington said he

Fahd has a long history of health problems and has used a cane to walk in recent years.

He ascended the throne of this vast and wealthy country in 1982 when his brother Khaled died. He chose Abdullah as his heir

KARACHI, Pakistan (Reuter) - Gunmen shot dead four soldiers, including two army captains, and a policeman and fired at a local train in the Pakistani city of Karachi yesterday, police and ambulance workers said. Violence marred the New Year in the

southern city with at least 18 people killed in separate incidents, the police said. More than 1,950 people died in 1995 in ethnic, sectarian and political violence that

has wracked Pakistan's commercial capital. In 1994, some 800 people were killed. The government blames the ethnic Mohajir National Movement (MQM) for most of the violence, while the MQM accuses security forces of the bloodshed and blames the govern-

ment for extra-judicial killings of its workers.
Yesterday, the bullet-riddled bodies of two army captains, one lower rank soldier and a policeman were found dumped in a van parked in an alley behind a shopping mall in the Liaquatabad area, the police and hospital sources said.

No details were immediately available, but a police official, who asked not to be named, said two victims were army captains posted with paramilitary rangers.

One bullet-riddled body of a man found in eastern Malir district yesterday morning was identified as ranger Dost Mohammed. Police said the ranger was in plainclothes and was on intelligence-gathering duties in Malir's trou-bled locality of Saudabad. Violence took a new turn on the New Year

when gunmen fired at a local passenger train, wounding one passenger, police said. Police also said gunmen barged into a house in the eastern industrial district of Kor-

angi and opened fire on an old man and his

Doctors said the 65-year-old man and four sons, all in their late 20s, died immediately

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A weary group of Americans and their relatives stepped off a US

government airplane in Manila yesterday after

five days of captivity on a remote mountainside

US Embassy officials who monitored negotia-

tions for the release of the Americans and then

brought them back to Manila said they were too

tired and shaken to speak to reporters, but had

been treated well by their kidnappers.
"I think they came out of it well," said US
Consul-General Kevin Herbert. "They're in

The four Americans hostages, all from Califor-

nia, were among 19 people kidnapped Wednes-

day by 20 heavily armed men from the Traan-

Kine Spring Resort at remote Lake Sebu, 1,025

by suspected Moslem extremists.

good spirits and good health."

kilometers southeast of Manila.

while one of the boys survived with several bullet wounds.

The gunmen also looted cash and jewelery from the house before escaping, police added. Four more bodies of young men with gunshot wounds were found in district Central's Azizabad, Sharifabad and Chandni Chowk areas and four people were shot dead over-

night, police said. A police source, referring to the deaths, said a retired senior police officer was kidnapped by unknown gunmen from the southern district. His bullet-riddled body showing torture marks was later found in the same area.

A police inspector and a shopkeeper were killed while the inspector's son was wounded when unidentified gunmen opened fire on them in southern district's Risala area.

Two of the Americans, along with four Filipi nos, were released that day to relay the kidnap-

pers' demand for a 1.5 million peso (\$57,700)

But the others were not released until Sunday,

after the mayor of General Santos, a port city 50

kilometers to the east, pledged to provide new homes, a state-funded school and a cemetery for

But she and other government officials insisted

Police and military officials say the kidnappers

no ransom was paid, in line with a government

policy aimed at discouraging more kidnappings

are members of Abu Sayyaf, a militant Islamic group blamed for a string of kidnappings, rob-

beries and armed attacks on the southern Philip-

Witnesses said heavy gunfire, mainly from New Year revelers, was heard all over the city on Sunday night.

## Major promises the fight of his life in New Year's message

Prime Minister John Major pledged the fight of his life in a resilient New Year's message yesterday but fresh sniping soon consumed the

her treachery and said voters could expect greater staying pow-

when hard decisions have to be made," Major wrote in the tabloid Sun.

"It is sad when people cannot

see through commitments they have personally made to their electorate just a few years ago. But that will not deflect me from seeing through my commitments to the end. It is not enough to start a project. You have to have the determination to see it through, because all the rewards are in achieving your aims," Major said

Major has said he will not be swayed into calling an early election - a vote is not due until May 1997 - but his majority of 21 has been whittled away to risky single figures by a string of by-election rassing defections.

Nicholson's move, which she blamed on a Conservative lurch to the right, provoked speculation Major may have to call an election this year, despite Labor's 30-point lead in the polls. The opposition can barely

 The government is in chaos... Parliament has virtually ground to a halt," Labor leader Tony Blair wrote in the Sun.

"They insist they will go the full course of this parliament and that there will be no election until well into 1997," said Blair. "So, while they stagger on, we must be patient, disciplined and determined as we prepare for the

### Iran withdraws Oscar entry over US plan

TEHRAN (Reuter) - Iran has withdrawn its film entry for an Oscar award to protest moves in the US Congress to fund covert action against the Iranian government, local newspapers said yesterday.

"Iran will not take part in the Oscar competitions... in protest against the recent US Congress allocation of budget to topple the Islamic Republic," Ezzatollah Zarghami, the top official in charge of films at the Islamic Culture and Guidance Ministry, was quoted by the daily Iran News.

The White Balloon, a doubleaward winner at the latest Cannes Film Festival, was submitted in October as Iran's entry in the foreign-language category of the Academy Awards.

"It would be most inappropriate to screen such an emotive and sentimental film full of love and affection in a nation which is ruled by [a] world arrogant power under totally inhuman conditions," Zarghami was quoted by the Iranian news agency IRNA. Iran has condemned moves in the Congress to allocate up to \$20 million to fund a covert action program against Iran, branding it 'state terrorism."

#### Eleven people killed in Sri Lankan fighting COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) -Five soldiers were killed at

At least 11 people, including five soldiers, were killed as clashes between government troops and Tamil Tiger rebels continued into the New Year, a military official

said yesterday. Five rebels were killed yesterday morning during an attack on a police post in the western Puttalam district, said Major Tilak Dunuwille, a military spokesman. One policemen was also killed and four wounded in the attack.

dusk on Sunday when their vehicle was blown up by a guerrilla mine in the northern Jaffina Peninsula, he said. Five others were wounded in the incident at Kopai

in the area.

pine island of Mindanao.

US hostages flown back to Manila

North, 300 km from Colombo. Meanwhile, the Sri Lankan president in a New Year's message indicated that the military could soon leave Jaffna city, the rebel stronghold in the north that was captured after 50 days of fierce battle.

administration in the area as soon as possible and vest the administration in the Tamil people,"

Chandrika Kumaratunga said. Her statement came two days after rebel chief, Velupillai Prabhakaran, offered to resume negotiations to end the civil war if the military pulled out of Jaffna.

"It is the government's aspiration to find political solutions," Kumaratunga said in the message.

## LONDON (Reuter) - British "It is too easy to cut and run

Conservatives.

Major's resolution for 1996 came days after Conservative member of parliament Emma Nicholson delivered a cruel Christmas gift to the premier by defecting to the centrist Liberal Democrats, reducing Major's majority in parliament to just

The premier - who often delivers his best performances when down - hit out at Nicholson for er from him.

## 'Princess Diana resigned to divorce'

LONDON (AP) - Princess Diana is prepared to divorce Prince Charles as his mother has demanded - provided the terms are right, according to unidentified "friends" quoted in a newspaper

yesterday. The Daily Mirror said Diana has told friends she wants a clearly defined public role and a pledge "that I will always be treated as a princess and the mother of the future

king."
Her elder son, Prince William, 13, is second in line to the throne after Charles.

Diana and Charles separated in 1992 after 11 years of mar-riage. Queen Elizabeth II wrote to them in December urging a quick divorce. Charles agreed but Diana is not known to have replied.

News reports have suggested for some time that Diana's future role was the sticking point.

In a television interview November 20, Diana blamed Charles' mistress, Camilla Parker Bowles, for the marriage breakdown. She also acknowledged an extramarital affair of her own and said she wanted to be a roving goodwill envoy for Britain. Prime Minister John Major

said Saturday that Diana must maintain a role in public "It needs to be a dignified role

and a worthwhile role and we will need to examine with the Princess of Wales precisely what that should be," he said in a BBC radio interview. He said details would be worked out among Diana, the royal family and the government.

The Daily Mirror said Diana has told friends and advisers in calls to London from the Caribbean, where she is vacationing. that she accepted that a divorce

was inevitable. The paper quoted one uniden-tified "friend" as saying: "She is quite determined that she will not be pushed into limbo as a sort of royal leper as was the Duchess of Windsor after the abdication of King Edward VIII. Nor is she prepared to go away quietly and live abroad."

While Diana was in the Caribbean, Charles and their two sons were headed to Klosters, Switzerland for a skiing holiday. Klosters is a favorite skiing area for Charles, despite a 1988 avalanche in which he narrowly escaped death and his friend Maj. Hugh Lindsay was killed.

## Powerful quake hits Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (Reuter) - A powerful earthquake measuring 7.0 on the open-ended Richter scale shook Indonesia's Sulawesi island yesterday, destroying wooden houses and triggering tidal waves and aftershocks.

Officials said the extent of damage along a remote isthmus, 60 km at it's widest, in central Sulawesi was unlikely to be known until today because of poor communications.

There were no immediate reports of loss of life.

The quake struck the large orchid-shaped island of Sulawesi, between Borneo and the Molnocas' spice islands, in the afternoon during the New Year's Day

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## Integrate Ethiopian children

NOALITION and opposition Knesset members seldom agree on anything. That 75 MKs from across the political spectrum - the number may reach 80 - have signed a petition calling on the government to improve the integration of Ethiopian children says something about the gravity and urgency of the

The seeming indifference of the Education Ministry to what can only be termed a major failure in the absorption of school-age Ethiopians is nothing short of astonishing. The current minister, Amnon Rubinstein (Meretz), is a farsighted, innovative "activist" with a passion for making educational opportunities available to all. He is the last government official one would expect to ignore the educational system's mishandling of a whole group of immigrants.

There is no doubt that Ethiopian children are being persistently and systematically short-changed. A comprehensive report on the issue, published last summer by the Israel Association of Ethiopian Jews, testifies to the obtuseness, narrow-mindedness, and psychological abuse to which a whole generation of Ethiopian children is subjected. An investigative study by Ma'ariv, published last week, makes these findings seem understated.

As one Education Ministry official put it in the Ma'ariv report, "What happened here in the 1950s is nothing compared to what's happening with the Ethiopian community. This will cause heartache for generations."

The comparison can only make one shudder, for the scars of Israel's integration blunders four decades ago have yet to heal. And while the dreadful errors committed during the state's infancy can be rationalized by citing the immigration's overwhelming size and the country's poverty and inexperience, today's failure is as inexcusable as it is inexplicable.

The fundamental problem is "difficulty in communications," as Deputy Mayor Sa'adia Gozlan of Ofakim, where there is a large Ethiopian population, told Ma'ariv. And the cultural gap is exacerbated by bureaucratic irregularities. Ignoring the law which requires that only educational psychologists examine immigrant children to determine their placement in school, the system allows such determinations to be made by psychologists with no special training.

Unfortunately, most such psychologists are woefully unaware of the impact cultural differences can have on the child's responses. As child is different, because he comes from a different culture. When he gives an answer according to the logic on which he was brought up, the psychologist interprets it as a deviation

from the norm. As a result of this callous and superficial testing procedure, a shocking number of Ethiopian children are placed in special education classes for children with severe learning disabilities. In a large number of cases, the classes function as little more than a baby-sitting service. The results can be devastating. As Dr. Gadi Ben-Ezer, in charge of Ethiopian affairs in the Education Ministry, put it, "The life of every child who unnecessarily enters such a framework is destroyed."

Incredibly, one of the reasons the system hastens to place Ethiopian children in classes for the handicapped is crudely cynical: the special education bureaucrats hope that they can get larger budgets if they crowd these classes. That the price of such manipulations is the destruction of young lives seems an irrelevant

Nor are improper special education placements the only crime against the Ethiopians. As the director of the Israel Association for Ethiopian Jews Micha Odenheimer has pointed out, the majority of Ethiopian children are "indiscriminately tracked into low-level, no-future vocational schools." This, despite the fact that, as Odenheimer has written in The Jerusalem Post, "Privately funded programs have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that Ethiopian students who are given intensive help for a year or two are able to overcome the educational gaps caused by the travails of immigration and go on to realize their naturally high potential."

What the signatories to the Knesset petition are asking for is no more than the implementation of the recommendations made by the Education Ministry's own steering committee on Ethiopian children. The committee recommended that NIS 50 million be earmarked to help their integration, while the ministry approved only NIS 15m., and only one tenth of the recommended amount, the sum of NIS 5m., has actually been allotted for this purpose.

The signers of the petition include Speaker deputies and heads of committees. It can only be hoped that both Rubinstein and Prime Minister Shimon Peres, to whom the petition is addressed, will heed the request of two thirds of the Knesset. It undoubtedly represents the wish-Gozlan puts it, "The thinking of the Ethiopian es of the vast majority of the population.



## Two versions of peace

Ori Orr, Chief of General Staff Amnon Shahak, his predecessor Ehud Barak, and all the generals of the Third Way agree: The Golan is vital to Israel, and irreplaceable in time of war. Yitzhak Rabin thought so too.

This was also the conclusion drawn after studies done by representatives of the US army; and members of the Russian General Staff who visited the Golan in 1992 concurred.

General Kelly (chief of operations of the combined general chiefs of staff during the Gulf war, in other words, General Schwarzkopf's boss) was much more outspoken. "You'd have to be crazy to withdraw from the Golan," he told me at the Israel Embassy in Washington a few years ago.

What a consensus for these troubled times.

Nevertheless, Orr has explained, and the peace treaty camp seems to agree, that if there really is peace and "we mingle with them, and they with us," the Golan, however critical and irreplaceable, won't be all that essential. This is on condition that embassies and tourism apart, we retain some really secure footholds: the line of volcanic hills stretching from Mt. Hermon southward, down almost to the merging of the Rokad and Yarmuk rivers.

Some people claim that the situation, as defined by Orr, is the same as prevails between Iraq and Kuwait, or Iraq and Iran, or between the republics of the former Soviet Union, or between Germany and France in their last three wars - or, YOASH TSIDDON-CHATTO

an example topographically and demographically identical, between Germany and Czechoslovakia in 1938.

APART FROM the wars between Israel and the Arab states (which are really a single, interrupted war), history records practically no case of any war which did not erupt from a state of peace.

And peace, as one can discover from any decent dictionary, has two completely separate definitions. It is "a condition of harmony between groups or peoples," or "a

#### We are playing Syrian roulette

condition of freedom from war." The first definition, as in the case of the US and Canada, can only exist when there is no aggressive intention, when there are common interests, and no significant political, cultural, economic, religious or other differences.

The second definition, as in the

case of the US and the former USSR, exists when there is aggressive intention, and there is a conflict of interests and significant political, cultural, economic, or religious differences. In such a situation, which is naturally unstable, there is a state of "freedom from war" or "cold war," resulting from deterrence.

Deterrence is the ability to prevent war by developing the strength needed to win a war, and the will to employ it when necessary, and by delivering the appropriate message to the other side.

As any one who has been through an NCO's course knows, territory is one of the three essential elements of strength. Handing over essential territory (irreplaceable, according to Shahak) to another country is not customary, but need not be dangerous in the case of a "harmonious" peace.

However, handing over such territory in a state of that peace which is merely "freedom from war" significantly reduces deterrence. It increases the chance of

The followers of Peace Now can say what they like; but unless they sincerely believe that the Syrians and that means Assad's successors too - will become Dutch or Canadian the day after the peace treaty is signed, they are pulling the wool over our eyes, and abandoning our security.

And as for the value of American guarantees, demilitarization and UN supervision, we found out what those were worth on the eve of the Six Day War.

Lt is hard for me to believe that the Syrians will become Dutch on the day after they gain possession of the Golan, and so I believe that what we are doing is playing Syrian

What's the difference between Russian and Syrian roulette? It's that in the Syrian version the chamber of the revolver is nearly full.

The writer, a colonel in the Air Force reserves and a former MK, was a member of the first peace mission to Madrid.

## Matter of life

GARY SHOWALTER

THE primary responsibility for the security of your home and family is yours. It does not devolve upon the state, the police, or the army.

Gush Etzion, like most of the rest of the country, has seen a marked increase in car thefts and break-ins during the last year. Even the Beit Shemesh area, within the Green Line, suffers. One of the moshavim near Beit Guvrin recently had its security fence stolen. This would be funny, if it weren't so ominous.

Surely no one can say that things will improve once the Palestinian Authority controls the fields surrounding our communities. And is anyone willing to believe that joint patrols on the roads will improve our security?

It's hard to believe that people are willing to stake their lives on such an assumption, that no one has been listening to the news during the last few years.

How is it that with all that is happening around us, no one in Gush Etzion has had the foresight to make even the slightest improvements in the security of our communities?

#### Those who live in Gush Etzion should remember: It's better to be safe than sorry

I spent three years in the bush in Central America as a combat infantry officer, a member of a recon unit tracking down communist insurgents and busting up their training camps. I have experience with camp security, and I can say that no Jewish community in Gush Etzion is prepared for what is coming.

You say that your community has a security committee to deal with such things? You have patrols driving around at night, and even during the day?

Well, neighbor, your committee won't be at your place when the bad guys strike. Trust me on this: the cavalry is never around when you need it. The bad guys plan it that way. They aren't stupid.

YOUR HOME must be a secure place of refuge for your family. bend some money on security bars for all your windows. Buy steel exterior doors. Select an inside room, perhaps the master bedroom, and turn it into a "safe room," complete with telephone, emergency light, a weapon, an alarm of some sort that can be easily heard outside, and a good steel door that won't be easy to get through. Train your family to head for that room during an emergen-

Install floodlights around your home and use them at night, whatever your neighbors say about lights bothering them. Those lights, barred windows and steel doors will discourage the bad guys from hitting your place.

Trim the shrubbery around your home. Don't provide thieves and terrorists with a hiding place. Make it easy for the security guys to check around your property. Don't sacrifice your security for the sake for a few trees and bushes. Be practical. Be realistic. Be prudent - and stay alive.

There are several communities in Gush Etzion which refuse to put up fences on principle. Well, if they want to stand on principle while the bad guys rob them blind and murder their families and friends in their sleep (remember Ma'ale Michmash?) that's their business, I guess.

Border fences and perimeter fences have to be backed up with lighting, jeep patrols, foot patrols, and a determination to use force if necessary to underline the message: "Keep Out." That moshav near Beit Guvrin failed to understand this.

Fences, patrol roads, and securilights slow the bad guys down. Good lighting around homes, bars and steel doors slow them down or discourage them outright. That buys you time to react to an incursion, the chance to get your loved ones to safety.

If you were intent on stealing cars or making a terror strike, would you go up against a community equipped with good security measures, or would you strike somewhere that had no fence, poor security lighting, lots of trees and bushes to give you cover, and a complacent, unprepared popu-

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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This is not what the Israeli public

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nents of the current "peace pro-

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Years after the Agranat Commis-

sion declined to find against Golda

Meir's government for the Yom

Kippur War fiasco, Justice Shimon

Agranat explained that he did this to

save the country from being stripped

of its leadership. One can only hope

that Justice Meir Shamgar has more

confidence in the resiliency of the

system. For if those who abuse their

authority to undermine their politi-

cal opponents can do so with impu-

nity, the days of Israeli democracy

After Sabra and Shatilla, it was

made clear that we are responsible

for the actions of our "allies." It

was just as clear if not more so that

this would happen and that people

Is my friend Husseini not worthy

of sorrow? Is his execution devoid

of guilt? Is no one responsible, or

are only the "left" allowed to weep

and demand justice at an outrage

I accuse this government of being

as responsible as Arik Sharon was in

the Beirut outrage. I demand, in the

name of my dead friend Husseini

that justice be done in the same

Meanwhile, I can just say: Sha-

lom, haver, I miss you very much.

DR. MICHAEL BENJAMIN

would die barbarically.

such as this?

manner as then.

DR. AARON LERNER

Sir, - There is growing evidence that Israel's General Security Service (GSS) was behind a campaign to discredit the national camp. The GSS answers directly to the prime minister. If this was not a rogue operation, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin either ordered the campaign or let it continue when he found out about it. Rabin was known as a "details man." The suggestion that the GSS could run a dirty tricks campaign behind his back is an in-

sult to his memory. Many hope that the Shamgar Commission inquiry will help reveal the truth. There has, in fact, been testimony on this matter. Israel Television reporter Nitzan Chen testified about GSS agent Avishai Raviv's involvement in the distribution of the infamous "Rabin in SS uniform" handbill. Others described Raviv's role as agent provocateur, creating a series of media events which defamed the national camp. Raviv's GSS bosses went so far as to testify that they had assigned Raviv to check out Yigal Amir for the

agency.

But so far indications from the Shamgar Commission are that it will not address the government conspiracy to defame its opponents. The warning letters issued by the Com-mission have been careful to limit the scope of the charges to activity directly related to the murder itself.

Sir. - I had a dear friend.

I had known him for seven years.

I employed him to work for our

yishuv. He worked loyally and well.

Every ceremony or occasion we

had, he was instrumental in setting it

up. Together, we opened a school, kindergariens, planted trees, cleared

I went to his home. He came to

mine. We spoke of politics and peo-

ple living together. He felt that Ar-

abs could learn from Jews and he

admired the Jewish way of life. We

didn't always agree, but remained

My friend Husseini was executed

next to his house and mine by a

Palestinian death squad. I am still

shocked and confused. So confused

that I cannot see or understand the

reason for his death.

sewers.

friends.

**OVERSEAS** BROADCASTS

wants. A Gallup poll on behalf of IMRA (Independent Media Review Sir, - For years, with limited budget and enormous talent, the foreign language staff of Kol Yisrael's interand Analysis) on November 28 found that Jewish Israelis support expanding the mandate of the Comnational service has provided timely and accurate reports of life in Israel. mission to include an investigation Personally, I have had the bittersweet experience of hearing its Yidof the dirty tricks by more than 5 to dish broadcast in Vilna. In Morocco, 2 (58.2% vs. 22.3%). Support Kol Yisrael was my traveling crossed party lines, with those plangroup's only source of information ning to vote Labor favoring the investigation 58.0% to 29.0% against. about the massacre in Hebron. This is not just a question of set-ting the record straight. There could Despite Yossi Beilin's comment

about Israel's prosperity, the budget for Kol Yisrael's foreign service has been gutted, reducing English-language broadcasts to just two a day. Transmission power of the 7 a.m. (Israel time) broadcast has been slashed from 300 to 50 kilowatts and is drowned out here by a US Catho-

As David Bar-Illan has so ably reported, press prejudice against Israel is still significant. Is there no one in Israel's government who realizes the hasbara value of Kol Yisrael and will restore or even increase its voice in the world of international media? HENRY GERBER New York.

THE AMIR FAMILY

Sir, - Directly after the assassination of prime minister Rabin, I think that most of the public felt some kind of sympathy for the Amir family because one of their sons turned out to be a killer.

Next, we found out that Yigal's brother was in on the planning, produced the fatal dum-dum bullets, and that both of the brothers had hidden explosives, weapons, etc. in the family house and on the grounds around the house.

Now, we're treated to an interview on British television in which their sister defends Yigal and says he was the only one who "had the guts" to shoot the prime minister. Further, a report was broadcast on Israel Radio concerning a letter that Haggai Amir wrote to his parents urging them to express their "true

I think that this family should be thoroughly investigated, and that if it turns out that the sister and/or the parents themselves are implicated in the conspiracy, they should be treated like any other family of terrorists and see their house destroyed. JOEL BLOCH

feelings" on the matter.

Negev: Israel's 'backyard'

kim focused our attention on the economic plight of many development towns, especially those located in the periphery, in the Negev and in Galilee. Ben-Gurion's dream of developing the Negev remains as unfulfilled in bage dump.

the 1990s as it was 40 years ago. Sixty percent of the country's limited land area contains no more than 10 percent of the population, while the metropolitan center of the country continues to undergo further expansion at the expense of the rapidly disappearing open and green areas.

Even the Gulf war with its Scuds left little impact on the country's population distribution. The exodus of Tel Aviv's inhabitants during the war was quickly forgotten. Any thoughts of exploiting the war's aftermath to persuade Israel's citizens to move out of the center have had little practical effect.

There was a limited population redistribution as a result of the Russian immigration. Left to centralized government planning, many immigrants were directed to the development towns of the Negev and Galilee, and new neighborhoods were constructed to meet the housing demand. But five years on, the lack of employment opportunities has only raised unemployment levels in these

Many of the immigrants, having found their feet in their new society, have already opted to move on to their next, more permanent, homes in the metropolitan center ment regulatory procedures, virtuof the country.

THE perception of the Negev as Israeli laws. Israel's backyard has grown sharply in recent years. The availability of open space has made the Negev a target area for solving many of Israel's environmental problems. University has come out strongly, The Negev is a location to which against the establishment of the

DAVID NEWMAN

it has somehow become acceptable to redistribute ills from the populated center. Take the government's decision to transform the Dudaim site into Israel's main gar-

Aside from the potentially deleterious environmental effects. turning Dudaim into the national garbage center would seriously curtail the future physical expansion of Beersheba. Appeals

Why is it acceptable to transfer ills from the populated center of the country to the periphery?

against the national transfer of garbage to Dudaim have been lodged in both the National Planning Commission and in the courts, while Finance Minister Avraham Shochat promised to study the more remote option at Oron.

And what about the decision to establish a new customs-free industrial zone north of Beersheba, located between the two suburban communities of Omer and Meitar? The proposed Likit site has been justified on the grounds that it will offer new employment opportunities to the region. But the laws governing the establishment and operation of the zone take it out of the hands of the normal governally turning it into an extra-territorial exclave free of all normal

The Negev Center for Regional Development, a research and policy oriented center at the Department of Geography at Ben Gurion

staff argue that the project will contribute significantly to traffic congestion and to air and water pollution for local residents. The rash claims that the project will result in the creation of 20,000 new iobs has not been supported by

any hard evidence. The government has attempted to portray opposition to the scheme as a middle-class NIMBY (not in my backyard) reaction from the residents of Omer and Meitar, at the expense of the unemployed residents of Beersheba and the surrounding development

Perhaps the best example of the disdain felt for the Negev by Israel's senior policy makers is the decision to incarcerate assassin Yigal Amir in an isolated cell in the high security prison on the outskirts of Beersheba. During his trial, it is planned to transport him daily from the Negev to Tel Aviv and

Most of us in the Negev could well do without this contribution to our population increase. Of course, it won't affect our lives or be noticed in the way that the garbage dumps and the polluting factories are. But it does seem symptomatic of the way the Negev is perceived among the rest of the population

Many of us are prepared to live without the massive population redistribution Ben-Gurion dreamed of. If most of the country's population prefers to reside within an over-populated and crowded metropolitan center, that's fine by us. But please, let them keep their

garbage and pollution to them-The writer teaches in the De-

partment of Geography and Environmental Development and is director of the Humphrey Center for Social Policy at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The writer has lived in Gush Etzion for 11 years.

RIS Kristofferson has another album out. It's really good, but like much of his work over the past 20 years, it largely is being ignored.

The Jerusalem Post

The classic songwriter and actor is used to such slights, though he still hopes for a critical reevalnation during his lifetime.

Even with hot producer Don Was aboard, A Moment of Forever sat in the vaults for two years. No record company would put it out until Texas-based Justice Records, which released two recent albums by Kristofferson's pal Wil-

he Nelson, issued it last summer. Dog-tired and peeved at a performance of his own "Help Me Make It Through the Night," Kristofferson took 20 minutes backstage at a TV show to reflect on the journey "hackin' our way through showbiz hell."

Now 59, he was clad in black jeans and a T-shirt, a uniform he

sheds only when dressed for an acting role.

"Every record I've put out after Jesus Was a Capricorn (1972) was immediate obscurity," Kristofferson said. "You know, just disappeared without a trace and never promoted.

"I can remember one of the few people who reviewed Third World Warrior (1990) said, 'Surely he knows pigs will fly before somebody will play this on the radio.' It was in USA Today. And I, in my naive daze said, 'Well, ... I didn't know that. I thought they
[the songs] were pretty good."

Unlike his most beloved material - "For the Good Times," "Me and Bobby McGee," "Sunday Morning Coming Down" - much of Kristofferson's work in the past 10 years has been overtly

Third World Warrior focused on Central America and was particularly critical of what US policy had wrought there.

"I remember a woman coming up to me one time and complaining about one of the songs ... that began with killing habies in the name of freedom," Kristofferson said. "And I said, 'Well, what made you mad - the fact that I was saying it or the fact that we're doing it?" To me, they were getting mad at me 'cause I was telling them what was going on."

A Moment of Forever is billed

JIM PATTERSON NASHVILLE .

A legend hacks through show-biz hell

as a return to love songs for Kristofferson, and there are a couple that stand up to his formidable canon: the title song and "The Promise," written for his eight children.

There's also biting social criticism and poetry forced out of Kristofferson's emotional croak of a voice.

Think Bob Dylan without the pop-culture baggage, though as the star of Hollywood spectaculars like A Star is Born, he has had his own distractions.

BORN IN Brownsville, Texas, in 1936, Kristofferson is the scion of a military family (his father was a general and both his grandfathers were officers). He was a Rhodes Scholar and began writing songs as a sideline to his ambitions as a novelist.

He followed the family tradition and enlisted in the US Army, becoming a helicopter pilot in Germany. After getting out in 1965, be headed to Nashville, underemploying himself by taking a job as the janitor at Columbia Records.

His big break came when Roger Miller recorded "Me and Bobby McGee," leading to a passel of lucrative placements with artists like Johnny Cash and Jamis Joplin.

His marriage to singer Rita Coolidge kept him in the news as his record sales started to falter. Eventually, his career in Hollywood began to overshadow the music. Among his roles were parts in Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore, Convoy. Rollover Opposite Jane Fonda and the remake of A Star Is Born with Barbara Streisand. Most recently he

played Abraham Lincoln in a

movie for cable television. He said that Hollywood may have saved his music career: through his acting he at least got some exposure. But in recent vears, his emphasis has been on the harder road - touring clubs to promote music most fans are un-

Unable to afford a full band. Kristofferson leaves his Hawaii home periodically to tour clubs with just one other player - the versatile Danny Timms, who cowrote a couple of songs on A Moment of Forever. Kristofferson also gets the occasional acting job and records and tours with his buddies as the Highwaymen -Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings

familiar with.

and Johnny Cash. "I think the world's been very kind to me." Kristofferson said. despite the lack of acceptance of his later music. "I haven't worked a lick since 1969 ... and I've been able to do things be-yond my wildest dreams.

"I'm working with my heroes. with Johnny Cash and Willie and Waylon. Just to have met them would have been an incredible thing, but to be their friend and their peer is wonderful." (AP)

## Rocker should look homeward

NEW RELEASES

TIRZAH AGASSI

EFF Shapiro is an Israeliborn rock musician who J thinks that there are plenty of good musicians in Israel "but

they're in the wrong place."
The 28-year-old Shapiro, who was here with his band 7even last week, lives in London where rock music "is made first hand," cooked up in a crucible which, unlike the local scene, has the leisure to put music first, to eat, drink and think it, to forget headlines and history, aiming instead at nothing but bringing forth new

7even's first album Electric Earth (Magic Zebra) has just been released locally by Brand New Entertainment Ltd. It's a promising debut which, oddly enough - given Shapiro's insistence that London is the place to be - sounds best when the music is given a Middle Eastern twist by. veteran Lebanese violinist Abud

The first single is called "So Good." Singer/guitarist Shapiro insists that the lyrics - "I feel so good when I'm on top/ I feel so good when I'm inside ... you" describe his emotions while riding in a double-decker bus, However, everything about the song suggests a rather more intimate

The vocal, which starts with a sighed grunt that sounds like it's slurped into your ear, is believable in its passionate serenade. And the ensemble is tight as it plays in a manner that Shapiro describes as "melodic, not punky, but still anxious enough to

Yet, it is the solo of their 65year-old Levantine violinist that gives it special depth.

Philip Deacon, who played together in a former band called Blue Room Orchestra, have surrounded themselves with musicians who boast such enviable credits as recording with Brian Eno (Barry Andrews on keyboards) and Thomas Dolby (Kat Evans on violin.) The mix of rock and strings that they come up with is both up to date and a touch different. But is it different enough?

Electric Earth is being played on American alternative and college radio and Shapiro says that it is heard often on British radio. But when, in a telephone interview. he asked if it has made the British Indie charts he avoids the

Rock music is always a gamble. The most awful material often sells millions while genius rots in the gutter. Still and all there are fine groups, like Massive Attack for example, who do hit the jackpot. Shapiro: who sounds quite savvy about the business end of things, would clearly like 7even (named in honor of the number's legendary power and luck) to be a band of the jackpot-hitting

variety. What is it that would make the band, that already seems to have a healthy momentum, forge a truly distinctive sound? Shapiro's lyrics are often good. Whether

have an edge."

Shapiro and his partner, bassist



Despite Jeff Shapiro's insistence that London is the place to be, the Israeli's music sounds best when given an oriental twist.

fretting about danger from the fast changes in Eastern Europe or merely about his own wrestling with faith, he is refreshingly honest. But the inclusion of a cover of Lennon and McCarmey's "A Day In The Life" shows how much more free and vivid he could be.

He could also probably mine his Israeli roots more thoroughly. On a song called "No Shame" he Russia and Africa (his mother, has given him.

who raised him speaking English is originally from Zimbabwe) and lists various religious and national identities not to feel ashamed of: Something about this hits home, especially when he sings of the identities of Israeli, Palestinian and Jew (rhymes with Sioux).

Surely he could take this tack even further. He does have the courage of a genuine artist. Now it's a matter of really sinking his sings of his parents being from teeth into the material that life

Shapiro's scorn for local rock, which copies the sound of what's happening in Europe and America, adding lyrics "in a language nobody understands," has its point. But perhaps he's making the same mistake as the locals when he worships the West as

being the center of the universe. His introduction to Middle Eastern violin was a twist of fate that came about when he was asked to produce an album of Abud Abdel Al's. Yet every re-

viewer has noticed the special touch that the violin adds to the songs on which he plays. Perhaps if Shapiro chose to

open his ears to other Levantine tones, which quite a few local musicians are indeed experimenting with, he could come up with a musical blend that integrates the cutting edge of London with the hum of his own back yard. And, who knows, perhaps that would give him the sound with which to

### waltz gets a bit wild DANCE REVIEW

**Bat-Dor's** 

DORA SOWDEN

OMY Reiter-Soffer, the internationally known Israeli choreographer, came back home with his beautiful work La Valse, with music by Ravel, to orchestrate its performance by the Bat Dor Dance Company. The December 30 performance at the Mann Auditorium was even more memorable than it had been when originally staged - fresher, stronger, brighter. Profits from the evening went to the Libi fund for

This is no ordinary three-quarter-time invention and Reiter-Soffer, who has created many outstanding works for the Bat Dor company over the past quarter century, has never done anything more impulsive and stylish than this wild, exciting fantasy of the spirit of dance. The Bat Dor company has never looked more polished and patrician - the women in flame-red costumes with plumed dresses, the men in sober shirts, waistcoats and black trousers. The elegance as the dancers swept across the stage was nothing less than splendid.

Central to the success was guest dancer Jay Brooker, who had earlier appeared as a soloist in another work by Reiter-Soffer called Ra'anan ("Renewal") with trumpeter Ram Oren and three other musicians who backed his pliant eloquence and technical brilliance.

IN THIS season of Nutcrackering the world over, it is good to be able to say that the current production here by the Israel Ballet must surely be among the best. The choreography by Berta Yampolsky is based on the traditional one by Petipa-Ivanov, and the Tchaikovsky music and the staging were charming.

Yampolsky has let her imagination fly and used every available resource of her company of 30 dancers plus, for the party in Act I, dozens of children from her own and other studios.

The fight between the mice and the toy soldiers was not very clear, but once Clara, the birthday girl, threw her shoe and the king-rat died and the prince was liberated, a good time was had by all. As the prince took Clara (crowned with a tiara) to the Land of Snow on a coach of shells, the snowflakes danced.

In the Land of Sweets, the dancing got faster and freer with a trio of Tea China, a quartet of Chocolate Coffee, three Russians doing a trepak, three Arabian houris and their guard, and more and more.

The Sugarplum Fairy was lovely, though lacking the lyrical touch that the celestial music suggested. Still, the pas de deux of the fairy with her cavalier was excellent. Dr. Drosselmeyer, the present

giver, far from being "frightful" as the program indicated, was so avuncular that he mended the nutcracker doli.

## vaults to top of violin ranks; Liturgica branches out

WENTY-ONE-year-old Maxim Vengerov displayed a stunning combination of technical wizardry and empathy in his performance with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra of Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 1. The performance was a shattering testimony to Shostakovich's tragic dilemma: adjusting his music to official dictates or expressing his inner truth and locking the score in the drawer. In this concerto, which wasn't performed until after Stalin's death. Shostakovich choose the second option. The first movement is a long,

dirge-like, elegiac melody; the second is comprised of wild, apocalyptic outbursts. In the third movement, he returns to a heartbreaking monologue, which is followed by a painfully twisted hassidic dance in the final movement.

Vengerov's interpretation was powerfully convincing, even breathtaking.

Conductor Antonio Pappano brought out all the details of the score, while allowing Vengerov immense freedom to let go.

In the second part, by conducting Ravel's complete Choreographic Symphony in Three Parts - Daphnis and Chloe, as he did, Pappano provided magnificent sonority and a delicate sensuality. Yuval Ben-Ozer's newly established Philharmonic Singers acquitted themselves with flying

One reservation: the concert was much too long, not ending until 11 p.m. So why was it necessary to start with a miserable performance of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No.3? Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv,

December 28. Benjamin Bar-Am

AN INNOVATION in this year's Liturgica series is the inclusion of Jewish religious music highlighting Near-Eastern traditions. A particularly attractive program featured Moroccan Invocation Prayer-songs, or baqashot, pre-sented in their authentic performance style.

This highly refined art of vocal improvisation in a prescribed mode on a given prayer text requires much ingenuity from the singer, expressed by the inventiveness of his improvisation, the richness of his embellishments and ornamentations, and his voice quality.

By these standards, the performance of chief singer Emil Zrihen, seconded by Yosef Elimelech, admirably represented this ancient tradition in its pure form.

The Oriental Instrumental Ensemble of Yosef Shriki, with authentic instruments played in the traditional manner, contributed a delicate texture of interlacing and alternating with the singing.

boys' choir from Ashkelon Waldenberg Community Center, directed by Rabbi Meir Atiah,

which rendered these songs with enthusiasm coupled with respect. An attempt at Westernizing some of these songs was as laborious as it was misplaced and su-

Although the Cantus Choir, conducted by Eli Jaffe, sounded carefully rehearsed and conscientious, the Western-style singing stripped the tunes of their most characteristic qualities - ornamentation and monophony.

Jerusalem Theater, December

Ury Eppstein

ASHKENAZIC cantorial music, in the Liturgica series, was pre-sented by cantors Naftali Hershtik, Ya'acov Motzen and Benjamin Muller.

Their glorious voices, superb command of this extremely specialized vocal style, and intense expression of the prayers' spirit and significance, make them rank among the particularly distinguished representatives of this

Their repertoire includes pieces by celebrated cantors of earlier generations, such as Yossele Rosenblatt, Zvulun Kvartin and Moshe Kussevitzky. Strictly defined in terms of modes, melodic patterns and melisms, the Particularly fascinating was a singing conveys imploration, ovs' choir from Ashkelon Wal- faith, fear and weeping, but also joy and hope, often with a very personal, emotional touch and is

Jerusalem Theater, December Ury Eppstein UNDER the heading "Sing unto the Lord a new song," the Litur-

gica concert series presented predominantly vocal music from the Baroque, on Biblical texts, performed by Keshet Habaroque soloists directed by David Shemer. Schutz's Four Psalms featured

changing vocal combinations. from solo aria to quintet, while Francois Couperin, some 80 years later, already added alternating instrumental solo passages for the sake of increased variety, in his Seven Verses from Psalm 80. One of the earliest oratorios. Carissimi's Historia di Baltazar. proceeded in a still mainly recitative style.

One particular charm of this program was its presenting young, hopeful singers. Especially appealing was Yishai Steckler who displayed a pleasant-sounding, flexible tenor and remarkwell-cultivated singing. Welcome as the opportunity of

hearing young artists is, the careful selection of less demanding works that are more suitable for their capacities would render them a better service.

With Kuhnau's Biblical Sonata No. 2, "Calming Saul's Troubled Mind," harpsichordist David Shemer provided instrumental

solo color to the program.
St. Andrew's Scottish Church, therefore profoundly moving at Jerusalem, December 23.

Ury Eppstein

TELEMANN'S concluding cantata I searched at night, in the mostly-cantatas program of the "Accademia Daniel," directed by Shalev Ad-El, in the Liturgica series, at last achieved the performance level that one had hoped for from the start. The singers, Guy de Mey and

Klaus Mertens, gave an outstanding performance. De Mey's tenor, though rich in shadings from the forcefully heroic to the softly lyric to the chronically narrative and displaying a formidable command of style, could not quite let one forget how murderously difficult the coloraturas are in Bruhn's Reioice the Lord. Mertens's pleasant bass sound-

ed most enjoyable in Bach's Ich habe genug when the instruments had a pause. Instead of supporting the solo voice, they mostly drowned it due to lack of soundbalance - a sign of unprofessional direction. Violist Amos Boasson and oboist Ofer Frenkel's obbligatos were faithful to style but

Each instrument - violinists

Kati Debretzeni and Dafna Ravid, gambist Nina Ben-David, harpsichordist Ad-El - sounded reasonably polished in Bach's Trio Sonata in C major, but each sounded as if she were playing for herself, without a guiding hand to lead them together. Jerusalem Theater, December

Ury Eppstein

UNDER the direction of the

British conductor Nicholas McGegan, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, the Vilnius Choir Jauna Muzika and soloists gave an inspired performance of Handel's Judas Maccabaeus as part of the Liturgica series. His swift, lively tempi set a forwarddriving pace right from the start, leaving no trace of the conventional pompous, heavy and tiring Baroque style of bygone days. The large choir produced enormous masses of sound, well-balanced, homogeneous and spirited.

Jerusalem Theater, December

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## Drought, what drought? It's still raining on-stage

UNCLE VANYA By Anton Chekhov, Hebrew, David Avidan, Direction, Oded Kotler. Design. John Bogart. Music, Leonid Volkov. Hebrew title, Hadod Vanya. At Haifa Municipal Theater. Dr. Asterov ..... Orly Silbersahtz-Banai

ESPITE its genuine Chekov charm and flavor. Uncle Vanya is a play fraught with problems. Not only interminably long, it also poses the problem of crosscultural

Played without the right dose of Slav sentiment and sensibility - unmarred by Western sentimentality - it stands to be diminished, if not defused. It also invites danger when direction bends over backwards to attempt an innovative approach. The result is often unauthentic and dreary.

Haifa's version, caught in both traps, falls somewhere in between. It takes plenty of hubris plus some talent to direct and at the same time play one of the leading parts. Oded Kotler, with his unfocused, would-be novel approach to direction, and his nonchalant, nondescript Asterov, displays more of the first than the second.

(For the third time this season running wa-

ter steals the show. This time round - desper-

ately driving rain.) He sets a decrepit domes-

tic interior against a crumbling rustic exterior.

The result is depressing. Nor does it add much to the sense of dark drama thrashing behind the surface of Chekhov's time-trapped Russian country gentry. In fact, the only recognizable echo of old Russia emanates from lesser roles like Orly Silbersahtz-Banai's quirky, spinsterish Sonia, Mordehai Ben-Zeev's touching Talyegin and Rosa Rosenbaum's Marina.

Ivgi, with his striking stage presence, opts for sour, saturnine irony instead of the mawkish modesty that usually colors the role. As Serbreyakov, Shimeon Yisraeli offers an endearing persona, which fails to measure

up to the pompous professor whose destructive dynamic that should drive the play. Naomi Doudai

## Oron: 18% of Histadrut staff should be fired

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

THE Histadrut should cut its workforce by 18 percent, Histadrut Treasurer Haim Oron said yesterday during a meeting of the Histadrut's directors.

Such a reduction would mean the firing of 300 workers.

Meanwhile, Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz announced a hiring freeze in the Histadrut and said new employees will be taken on only with Peretz's approval. "Heads of the Histadrui's

branches will have to make due with fewer employees," Peretz said. "Veteran employees will re-

Bill to enact

Brodet plan

to be offered

in February

**EVELYN GORDON** 

A BILL to implement the Bro-

det Committee's recommendations on reducing banks' hold-

ings in non-bank companies

will be submitted to the Knes-

set in February, Treasury Di-

rector-General David Brodet

told the Knesset Finance Com-

The committee's recommen-

dations, as modified by the

cabinet, state that banks will be

allowed to hold no more than

20 percent of any non-bank

company after 1998, and their

total non-bank holdings will be

able to comprise no more than

Banks will not be able to

hold a controlling interest in

any non-bank company, even if

that interest is less than 20%,

and Bank Hapoalim will be re-

quired to sell off all its shares in

However, the recommenda-

tions also state that banks'

holdings in non-bank companies via provident and mutual

funds will not be counted as part of either the 20% or the

Silvan Shalom (Likud)

charged that this loophole

makes a mockery of the entire

law, because banks will be able

to continue controlling numer-

ous non-bank companies via

However, Brodet said the

government will propose laws

to prevent banks from appoint-

ing members of their funds' in-

In this way, the funds' invest-

Dan Tichon (Likud) ex-

pressed doubt that the recom-

mendations would ever be im-

plemented, saying the 1999

implementation date gives the

banks far too much time to

pressure the government into

In 1981, he noted, the Knes-

set passed a law forbidding the

banks to hold any stock in non-

Implementation of this law

was repeatedly postponed, and

in 1989 the law was revoked

altogether at the behest of then

finance minister Shimon Peres

and then Knesset Finance

Committee chairman Avraham

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dent of the banks, he said.

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these funds.

mittee yesterday.

ceive additional assignments, and we will not hire new workers." The directors also announced a 13% reduction in the 1996 budget

to NIS 379.5 million from last

year's budget of NIS 439.9m. Although the theme of the meeting was budgetary tightening, several of the directors made special requests for perks from companies that are affiliated with

Two of the directors also attacked the size of the allocation to Na'amat, the women's branch

## Peres: Firings at Rafael to go ahead as planned

RAFAEL, the state-owned arms development authority, will continue to implement the rationalization program that includes firing some 350 employees, Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres decided yesterday.

Company employees said they were "astonished" by Peres's decision, since they expected him to reconsider the company's reorganization plan, which had been approved by Yitzhak Rabin.

Peres also decided to uphold a previous decision to change the authority's status from a ministerial section into a state-owned

Rafael employs 4,700 workers, whose pay is among the highest in the public sector, the Treasury said. The authority's payroll exOn Lavy and Jerusalem Post Staff

penses equal 72 percent of its overall sales, according to Treasury figures. A senior officer in the Defense

Ministry said Rafael is losing NIS 1 million every day. Between 1991 and 1995, Rafael received \$25m. in state aid, despite efforts to become self

sufficient. Meanwhile, Histadrut official Shlomo Shani said Peres "took a mistaken" decision, warning that that the repercussions of the move will be evident in the up-

coming months. Other Histadrut officials said fired employees would file suits for hefty compensation fees.

In Haifa, deputy mayor Yona Yahav told Israel Radio that Rafael's leaders concealed from the employees crucial facts concerning the authority's condition. ftim adds:

Rafael workers were angered at Peres's decision to go ahead with the planned layoffs, saying there was a surplus of work at the

The head of the Rafael works committee, Nahum Baltman, said the company employees hundreds of independent contractors and that all the firm's workers are doing overtime, making the dis-

cordingly, he added.

## best of '95

RACHEL NEIMAN

BETUCHA'S foreign currency mutual fund has been named 1995 best performer by Meitav.

The fund had a positive real

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al funds index rose 9.9%, with a positive real yield of 2%.

achieved positive real yields, with preference given to funds specializing in foreign currency, which тоѕе 13.9%. Funds specializing in Israeli

chieved by funds managed by Israel General Bank. In December 1995, the Meitay's general mutual fund index rose 4.1%, with real positive

missals unjustified.

If, however, the firm wants to encourage workers to resign, it will have to compensate them ac-

## Betucha fund named

yield, including tax rebates, of 45.1 percent. Psagot foreign currency was

yields, not including tax rebates, The Meitav 1995 general mutu-

Two-thirds of mutual funds

shares traded abroad rose 25.5%. while funds specializing in bonds rose 8.6%. Meitav cited impressive gains

yield achieved by almost all

### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

List prepared of industries willing to absorb workers in South: The Manufacturers Association has prepared a list of 60 industries willing to absorb new workers in the southern region. Factories managed by association members in the South - Ofakim, Netivot, Beersheba, Sderot, Kiryat Gat and Kiryat Malachi - are ready to absorb 150 workers, recent victims of the Uman and Adgar factory closures.

The association has submitted the list, representing all sectors of industry to the Employment Authority. Those potential employers not in the textile sector have also promised to retrain certain workers.

Manufacturers Association general manager Yoram Belizofksy emphasized the importance of flexibility in job hunting, pointing out that a willinguess to work outside Ofakim would assist job seekers greatly.

Israel Standards Institute trains inspectors for PA: The Israel Standards Institute has trained and licensed five gold purity inspectors for the Palestinian Authority's Trade and Industry Rachel Neiman

IEC reports 7% increase in sales for '95: The Israel Electric Corporation has reported a seven percent rise in sales for the year from 1994. The average rise in Western Europe is between 1% and 3%. IEC said it had 54,000 new customers in 1995, mainly in the individual home market. Public service demand for electric power grew 9.2%; the home market demanded 6.9% more than in 1994; industry needed 6.3% more and agriculture 5.6%.

Flectra wins \$2 million contract with IEC: Electra has been awarded a \$2 million Israel Electric Corporation contract.

Intel donates multimedia lab to the Technion: Intel (Israel) announced yesterday it has donated a multimedia lab to the

Haagen Daaz rep files restraining order against Elram: Haagen Dazz representative Omni Brand Foods yesterday filed a restraining injunction against developer Elram. Omni claims Elram has violated an agreement concerning a Ra'anana shopping center, where Haagen Daaz was to have been the sole ice cream parlor. Another ice cream parlor has recently opened in the center.

Granite Hacarmel Properties subsidiary will invest NIS 67 million in new subsidiary Nitzba Holdings, which it is setting up in partnership with holding company Nitzba Settlement, in return for 10% outstanding capital share.

NIS 2.5m. in overpaid 'arnona' bills returned to industries: The industrial sector paid out NIS 1 billion in arnona municipal fees in 1995, of which NIS 2.5 million was returned due to overpayment, the Manufacturers Association reported. Some NIS 8m. in overpaid arnona fees has been returned to industries during the past three and one-half years. The Knesset has approved an 11% hike in fees for 1996.

Evergreen Capital Markets to buy 50% of Yahav Investments: Evergreen Capital Markets will acquire 50 percent of Yahav Investments for NIS 1.5 million after which Evergreen will hold 75% of the new merger and 25% will be held by Yahav founders Ofer Yarkoni and Tirza Floretin.

Yahav manages a NIS 130m, investment portfolio for 200 clients. The merger will more than double portfolio size to NIS 300m. Yarkoni will join the Evergreen group and will serve as general manager of Evergreen Yahav Investments.

### 'Batman Forever' top grossing movie in '95

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) - Disney's Toy Story topped the box office list for the last weekend of 1995, taking in another \$20 million to become the third-highest grossing movie of a year seen as lackluster by many Hollywood analysts.

The computer-animated movie featuring the voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Don Rickles has taken in a whopping \$150.6 million since its release last month - behind Batman Forever, which grossed \$184 million, and another Hanks vehicle. Apollo 13, which did \$172 million worth of box-office business.

According to initial estimates released vesterday, another movie appealing to children and adults alike, the Robin Williams fantasy Jumanji, held down the second spot over the New Year's weekend, grossing \$18 million.

Grumpier Old Men, starring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau as well as Ann-Margret and Sophia Loren, took in \$15 million - enough to give it third place on the box-office list.

Waiting to Exhale, a movie that examines the lives of black women and stars Whitney Houston and Angela Bassett, fell to fourth this weekend with \$13.8 million. It opened the Christmas weekend

Sieve Martin's Father of the Bride. Part II rounded out the top five, taking in \$12.8 million.

Heat and Sahrina each took in \$10 million, to give them a tie for sixth place. Rounding out the top 10 were Tom and Huck (\$6.8m.). the Jean-Claude Van Damme hockey thriller Sudden Death (\$5.5m.) and Rob Reiner's political comedy The American Presi-

### TASE to proceed with computerization for ongoing trading THE Tel Aviv Stock Exchange intends to

proceed with full computerization for simultaneous ongoing trading, TASE chairman Haim Stoessel said vesterday.

Jewish National Fund Land Development Authority director David Nachman holds citrus fruits in

the Negev, where the JNF plans to develop orchards to replace the disappearing agricultural areas

of the Sharon plain. The JNF's 1996 budget includes NIS 50m. for Negev development.

Summarizing activity at the TASE's annual end-of-year review, Stoessel said given the success of the Karam computerized index, "we have reached the conclusion that we must eliminate open outcry trading, starting with the Two-Sided Index."

Stoessel said he hoped computerized trading of certain Two-Sided companies would be in place by the end of 1996. "This is the most ambitious computer

project the TASE has ever embarked on," said TASE director Sam Bronfeld. This year was characterized by a continuation of the capital market downturn of early 1994.

"The small number of public offerings, weak turnovers and index trends indicate a downturn not felt since 1988," Stoessel said, but added "this gloomy situation transpired against a background of rapid market growth and a certain measure of improved profitability, along with a decline in the rate of inflation.'

The bright side was heightened interest on the part of foreign investors in the TASE and in Israeli companies traded

Stoessel called on the government to enccurage this trend with privatization; the TASE itself has decided to calculate indexes in agorot, rather than points.

The changeover will take place by the end of 1996.

In late February 1995 the Two-Sided Index hit a low, falling to half its 1993 level. Between March and December 1995, the market recovered and indexes rose to 11.5% above the parallel 1994 level but were still lower than the parallel 1993

The TASE did not fulfill a significant role in raising capital in 1995, Stoessel

pointed out. No government companies were listed, with the exception of Dead Sea Bromine; which split off from Dead Sea Works as part of a reorganization.

An additional disappointment was Bank Mizrahi and Israel Discount Banks failure to register shares on the TASE.

Stoessel said he "hoped this most important procedure would be executed in early 1996." The ongoing downturn has hurt those firms which were planning public offerings, he noted, primarily small, young companies.

The bond market was most affected by highs and lows. "It is doubtful whether it is possible to do something to shorten the duration of the lows," said Stoessel, who suggested the downturn be used to lay legal

Steps taken this year to protect the public interest included passage of a law determining standards for portfolio managers and investment advisers; and actions taken

"Class-action suits have also become part of the Israeli capital market horizon." he said.

against securities law violators.

The options market is a source of pride for the TASE management, with daily turnovers of 35,000 options on average, in April 1995 and a record high of 72,000.

The number of active investors also increased to a high of between 10,000 and 12,000 between mid-1994 and March 1995. 'Options have become an important part of investment strategy on the Israeli capital market as well," Stoessel said.

Toward the end of 1995, the TASE began reexamining entry criteria for bourse membership "in light of the past few years experience and of international trends.

## Teva reaches arrangement on debt owed by Kupat Holim Clalit

Court also sets down pay-back terms for Clalit with others

TEVA and Kupat Holim Clalit have reached an arrangement concerning a \$59.1 million outstanding debt owed to Teva since December 31, 1994, by which Clalit's debt will be reduced 6.75

pending court approval, "I think its a good solution," said CFO Dan Sueskind. Teva will probably enter the \$4m one-time write off into its

Although the agreement is still

1995 books, he said. "If we receive 93.25 cents on the dollar and solve the debt problem within one year, my feeling is the capital market will receive this positively," he said. Clalit will pay the sum in equal installments, with the entire debt

RACHEL NEIMAN and JUDY SIEGEL

to be covered no later than March

Meanwhile, a debtors' arrangement involving a non-commercial organization has been approved by the district court for the first time.

The arrangement, presented yesterday, sets down pay-back terms for Kupat Holim Clalit.

The Tel Aviv District Court's deputy president, Judge Yeshayahu Levitt, approved the arrangement, whereby suppliers of services and equipment to the health fund owed up to NIS 75,000 will receive all their money in cash by the end of There are 3,000 such suppliers.

The health fund also owes 600 other suppliers a moderate amount of money. They will get 90% in cash by the end of

Those with very large debts pending will get their money back gradually over several years.

Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi will be paid back over several years, starting in 1998. As a result of the court-en-

dorsed arrangement, the government will transfer an initial payment of NIS 535 million. The Treasury committed itself

on Sunday to pay up to NIS 2.75 billion to carry out the

## ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

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## Saudi Arabia announces budget with bigger deficit

RIYADH (AP) - Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, announced a 1996 budget yester-day with a deficit of 18.5 billion Riyals (\$4.93 billion), 23 percent higher than last year's shortfall.

The cabinet said revenues for 1996 were expected to be 131.5 billion Riyals (\$35b.), down from last year's 135 billion (\$36b.).

Expenditure remained unchanged at 150 billion Riyals (\$40b.).

No further details were immediately available about the budget, traditionally announced at the beginning of the year.

It was submitted to King Fahd just before the monarch issued a decree asking Crown Prince Abdullah to take over managing government affairs while he rested.

News of Abdullah taking temporary charge of the vast and wealthy country in place of the ailing Fahd and the budget announcement were expected to cause jitters in oil markets when trading resumes today after the New Year's holiday.

The forecast for less revenues in the 1996 budget came as a surprise in view of increased demand on oil and the firmer prices expected in 1996.

The kingdom has been covering recent deficits, which peaked in 1994, by borrowing, mainly on

the domestic market. It has incurred a domestic debt believed to be in excess of \$70b.

The Saudi economy has in recent years been bogged down by slumping oil prices and the massive cost of the 1991 Gulf War that liberated Kuwait from Iraqi occupation.

The kingdom paid \$60b. for the US-led coalition force which fought the war. Serroge 1995.

Despite efforts to diversify and privatize the economy, the oil sector continues to account for one-third of the country's Gross Domestic Product, and 80% of export earnings.

Saudi Arabia, a vast country of 17 million people, sits on more than a quarter of the world's oil

Its national currency is 100% covered by gold and dollar reserves and per capita income is about \$6,500.

## Fliers to gain from lapse in US airline tax

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - US airlines yesterday stopped collecting a 10 percent tax on domestic tickets, giving some travelers a windfall thanks to the budget deadlock in Washington.

Authority to collect the decades-old excise tax expired on New Year's Eve in the absence of a deal on the federal budget.

Renewal of the ticket tax and two others - the \$6 fee on international departures and 6.25 percent tax on air freight - was part of the budget bill vetoed by President Bill Clinton last month.

American Airlines and Delta said they were passing the savings onto their customers. "We will simply leave the fare

levels, minus the tax, where they are, so the net cost to consumers during this period when the tax is not in effect is 10% less," said Tim Smith, a spokesman at American's Fort Worth, Texas, headquarters.

Seizing a marketing opportunity, he added that the lapse of the tax made this "a great time" to buy tickets and save 10%.

Delta announced a similar policy. "It is our intention to pass on the savings to the fare-paying passengers," spokesman Clay McConnell said in Atlanta.

But offsetting the potential gain to some travelers, United Airlines said that it had matched other, unspecified US carriers by

raising fares 10% yesterday. "There was a 10 percent fare increase, so fares would be the same," said Joe Hopkins, a spokesman for United in

Chicago. American and Delta said they were taking steps to refund the tax for tickets paid for in 1995 for any 1996 travel before the expected renewal of tax in a future bud-

## Saudi change may boost oil prices

DUBAI (Reuter) - World oil ent Abdullah to allow the 73prices may rise modestly after King Fahd of Saudi Arabia handed the running of government to his brother, allowing him time to recover from a stroke, energy an-

nity to take prices higher, they said.

excuse it might go higher on this . news," Geoff Pyne, oil analyst at UBS Limited said.

ning of government to heir appar-

German bank execs

expect significant

changes during '96

Bankers see industry dominated in

new year by push for globalization

FRANKFURT (Renter) - Top new competition will not only

customers.

year-old monarch time to recover from his stroke in November, the first time Fahd has not ran the kingdom since he assumed the throne in 1982.

The succession to Fahd is viewed nervously by some oil reputation of taking a more tough traditionalist line.

supplies after years of hawkish price strategy by Riyadh in the 1970s and early '80s.

on the news from Riyadh is likely to be short-lived and stress that with Abdullah running Sandi affairs the kingdom's oil policy, and

come from traditional banks but

also from financial institutions

seeking to take full advantage of

the "information highway" on

the Internet to reach additional

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'Customers will rely on the ad-

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Sarrazin said.

is put into circulation.

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be radically altered.

"The fact is that Saudi oil policy is determined by economic circumstances. Whoever is in power, unless they defy economic sense, cannot afford to cut pro-

meeting around 10 percent of world demand - and is viewed in markets as one of the most de-

months because of freezing tem-

peratures in the major heating fuel consumer markets of the US and Europe.

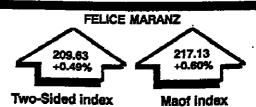
Any threat now, perceived or actual, to oil supplies could act as a spur for market bulls to take prices even higher, further boosting Riyadh's revenues after years of cash flow shortages.

North Sea Brent crude futures on London's International Petroleum Exchange closed at \$18.33 a barrel on Friday, compared to below \$16 in the summer.

A move by Saudi Arabia to cut output to boost oil prices could likely backfire because producers from non-OPEC states, such as Norway, would be able to capture market share at the expense of Riyadh.

## Stocks up for 2nd day in row

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET



STOCKS rose for a second straight day yesterday, boosted by statistics indicating strongerthan-expected growth.

Gains were led by Discount Investment Corp. and its parent companies, IBD Development Corp. and IDB Holding Corp., after the Tel Aviv District Court decided Iscar Ltd. must turn over its financial results to comply with Tel Aviv Stock Exchange reporting regulations.

Discount Investment owns a 26 percent stake in Iscar, which manufactures tools for cutting metal.

The Maof Index increased 0.60% to 217.13, and the Two-Sided Index went up 0.49% to 209.63.

Of 1,011 issues trading across the exchange, an equal number of shares rose and fell. Almost NIS 74 million worth of shares traded. NIS 25.2m. below Sunday's level and NIS 26.9m. below

last week's average trading level. This past year "was a better year than was expected, and the outlook for 1996 is optimistic, too." said Dan Galai, a managing director of Tel Aviv brokerage firm Sigma. "There's a positive atmosphere in the market." The Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday it estimates gross domestic product rose 2 higher-than-expected 6.9% in 1995. Inflation is expected to rise

7.8% in 1995, below the 8%-11% target rate set at the beginning of Gaining shares listed on the Maof Index were led by Discount Investment, which went up

1.25% after the court decided Iscar must hand over its results. IDB Development Corp., which owns 55% of Discount Investment, rose 1.75%; and IDB

Holding Corp., which owns 71% of IDB Development, rose 1.5%. Other gaining shares on the index included Clal (Israel) Ltd., which increased 3%, and subsidiary Clal Industries Ltd., which

tose 2%. Losing shares on the Maof In-, dex included Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd., which fell 0.5%.

Teva announced that it may receive \$55.1m. from Kupat Holim Clalit to cancel its outstanding debts with the company. Clalit. owed Teva \$59.1m. at the end of 1994, and Teva agreed to wipe out 6.75% of it.

## Welcome Home Fund, Toy Fund contributors

THIS week's Forsake Me Not listings were published on Friday. Below are the Toy Fund and Welcome Home Fund contributors:

TOY FUND

NIS 720 Andrea and Jonathan Kamens, Jim.

NIS 500 In honor of my grandchildren,
Ariel, Roui and Tamar – Grandpa Bruno,
Jim. In memory of our beloved daughter
Orith – Martha and Hugo Marom, Tel

NIS 368.15 Happy birthday to all my friends with birthdays in December, happy Hanukka to everyone - Anon., Flm. NIS 360 From the Tzedaka collection of the Kaplan children, Nachshon, Aliza, Noam and Ma'ayan, and their proud par-ents, Judy and David, Ra'anana.

ents, Judy and David, Ra'anana.

NIS 280 In the name of our 15 grandchildren, Gil, Talya, Leora, Sariel, Nira, Shira, Flad, Tamar, Ariel, Yonathan, Meital, Beth, Rachel, Robbie and Rafi – Sol and Barbara Liebgott, J'lm.

NIS 250 in memory of our unforgettable Alice (Lizzie) Weigl on the !0th anniversary of her decease – The Weigl Family, Tel Aviv. Esther Shoham, Sde Nehemiah. B. Heilbrun, Modi'in.

Aviv. Esther Shoham, Sde Nehemiah. B. Heilbrun, Modi'in.
NIS 200 Anon., Kfar Sava. The students of the Walworth Barbour American International School in Israel, Kfar Shmaryahu. Zvi and Miriam Tal, Kibburz Sde Nehemia. Edward and Betty Wolfe, Kfar Sava. In memory of Margaret Philipp — Her brother and sister-in-law l'Im. NIS 180 Rita Feldstain, Ra'anana. In loving memory of Netry Shifra Babad and "To life" for her newhorn great-granddaughter, Shifra – Hava and Shaul Boazson, I'm. Adela and Bruce Feldstern, J'Im. Anon., Beersheba. Dr. Rina Neher, I'lm. To our grandchildren for Hanukka with lots of love – Dorli and Eli Rosenblatt-Kara, Sde

love - Dorli and Eli Rosenblatt-Kara, Sde Warburg. NIS 150 In memory of Doron - Anon.,

NIS 150 In memory of Doron - Anon., Ramat Aviv.

NIS 112 Wolf Grunberg, Bogota.

NIS 100 To greet the birth of Sari Margherita Finzi, born to the Finzi Family, Milano - Bianca Romano, Bat Yam. Anon, Tel Aviv. In memory of Milson Greener on the occasion of his 10th yahrzeit - Doug, Trudy, Amiel, Aharon and Eitan, J'lm. In honor of the birth of a son to Moshe and Dorit Greidinger - Dr. and Mrs. H. Goldblatt, Haifa. In the name of Mrs. Leah Valin, Kiryat Ata. Dov Riegler, Rehovot. In memory of Hans Walter - Hilde Sittenmann, Haifa. Ohad and Guy Sarfati. Susan Levia. Herzliya. A peaceful, happy Hanukka to all - Safta Sarah, Haifa. Temima and Nachman Goldwasser, Kibbutz Gesher Haziv. In memoriam A.V. -

and Nachman Goldwasser, Kibbutz Gesher Haziv. In memoriam A.V. – S.F.V. E., Givar Shmuel. Theresa Jerome, J'Im. Michael and Miriam Schwartz, J'Im. NIS 60 Zvi and Michal Rozenn, J'Im. NIS 54 In memory of Yizhak Rabin – combined Tzedaka savings from Sarit, Nadav and Matan Rothberg, Moshav Shorashim. Three times Hai – Happy hanukka my dear nephews Jay, Ilan and Jordan in Manchester, England – Aunty Sue, J'Im. NIS 50 Anon., Beit Shemesh. Anon., Tel Aviv. Ellen Zwartz-Gerzon, Bat Yam. For my beloved grandchildren Liran and Aviawa - sava use, Kishod Lezion, in nonor of our grandson Gilaad's sixth Hanukka - Raynor and Zvi Rosenberg, Ashkelon, in honor and with love of our seven grandchildren - Nancy and David Fourier, Haifn, in honor of my wonderful grandchildren, Erez, Ella, Omer, Shai and Shelli - Helene Levy, Haifa. Gitty and Ezra Henkin, Ho-fit. Shulamit Gavron, Givatayim. Marina

Shamesh, I'lm. NIS 40 In memory of our dear husband and father Hans Guman - Genia, Mickey NIS 36 In honor of our granddaughter

Amy Yakobe of Brooklyn, NY - Carole and David Froelich, Rehovor. In loving memory of our Aunt Edith, who loved buying toys for children - A. and M.K., Achbele. NIS 30 In bonor of my grandchildren -Acon... Ramat Gus.

NIS 20 Anon., Haifa. NIS 18 Berta Kaufman, Beersheba. NIS 15 Happy Hanukka to the children of Israel - Doreen, Tel Aviv. Eva Berkson,

Neunya. NIS 10 Anon. NIS 3 Anon. \$1,000 From the Estate of Pearl Samuels,

Miami Beach, FL.

S261 In memory of Yitzhak Rabin - Beth
Chaim Preschool, Feasterville, PA.

S180 From the Zeitlin Children-Naomi,
Avital, Yaei and Aaron, Seattle, WA.

S120 In memory of Yitzhak Rabin, hero,
leader and martyr - Dave and Edith Gass,
S100 In honor of my brother-to-be, "Max,"
who I hope will be born next month, plus a Miami Beach, FL

Happy Hambikis wish to Mamoo and Pa-pou. Love, Sean Kross, Beckley, WV. Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Levy, Sarasota, Fl. Mr, and Mrs. Robert Bennett, Englewood, NJ. 590 In honor of our grandchildren, Arlel, Michal and Itamar Ben-Har, Yakarah, Ga-briella and Amarit Rosen, Inbal, Merav, and Yarden Rothstein. — Aura and Myer Porhesin Tel Asia. Rothstein, Tel Aviv.

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575 The Children of Temple Emanu-El.
Religious School, Englewood, NJ. William
and Sylvia Gersch, Scottsdale, AZ.

572 Four times Hai from Tal and Ariel,
Hartstein, Ra'anana and Julie and Jonathan Wyler, Geneva.

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\$50 In honor of Jennie Fay Kerson - Toba and Larry Kerson, Bryn Mawr, PA. Peter and Neora Kamaitzer, Cincinnan, OH. S36 In memory of the prime minister -Karen, Richard, Adam and Elana Grayson, New Rochelle, NY. In honor of our grandchildren, Richard and Natalie — Joseph and Ruth Blum, Durham, NC. Double Hai, in memory of my ace haver Roy Alan Belzer — Gny Ben-Moshe, Ausfur, TX. In memory of Yitzhak Rabin — the Brandman Family, Glen Ellyn, IL. 330 William Brandt, Gladstone, OR. \$25 Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Eizelman, Los Angeles, CA. Mr. and Mrs. Herman De-Koven, J'lm. \$20 In honor of our grandchildren, Allisou,

\$20 In honor of our grandchildren, Allison, Max, Caroline and Samuel - Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Bernstein, Brockton, MA. \$18 Best wishes to the children - The Hundt Children, Adam, Nathaniel and Hundl Children, Adam, Nathaniel and Sara, Chevy Chase, MD. In loving memory of our parents, Fanny and Joseph Zagman, Esther and Meyer Soloff – Dr. and Mrs. Solomon Soloff, Toms River, NJ. Please bring joy mno all the needy children of Israel – Steven Grand, Flushing, NY. Harvey Winston, New York, NY. S10 Ruth and Isaac Samson, Netanya. 5180 Lionel Leff, Ra'manna.

DM100 To celebrate the birth of my grand-daughter Johanna Lea – Rolf Endenbrock Koln, Germany. DFL1,000 To my wonderful wife, thanks for the first 25 great years - Joseph Krant,

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in, Herzliya. NIS 50 Clara and Felix Lagnado, Givatayim, Anon., Beit Shemesh. Ellest Zwartz-Gerzon, Bat Yam. Gitty and Ezra Henkin, Hofit. Marina Shamesh, Beil

Shemesh.

NIS 18 In loving memory of our departed parents, Pearl and Abe Tunick of Lauderdale Lakes, FL - Carole and David Froelich, Rehovot. Berta Kanfman, Beersheba.

S120 In memory of Yitzhak Rabin, hero, leader and marryr - Dave and Edith Cass,

Skokie, IL \$30 William Brandt, Gladstone, OR. \$25 Peter and Neora Kamnitzer, Cincin-nati, OH. Mr and Mrs. Manuel Eizelman, Los Angeles, CA. Mr. and Mrs. Herman

DeKoven, J'lm. 518 Harvey Winston, New Y £160 Lionel Leff, Rn'anana. DFL1,000 To my wonderful wife, thanks for the first 25 great years - Joseph Krant, Amsterdam, Holland.

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according to comments published

in Germany's Boersen Zeitung

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An activist dresses up in a US flag as a street theater group in New Delhi stages a protest play against India's free-market reform program over the weekend. The activists say multinational companies from the West hurt Indian-interests. (Reuter)

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## Sports unions' future to be decided today

HEATHER CHAIT

THE doors of the Sports Federation of Israel, the umbrella organization of 18 local sports associations, were closed yesterday ahead of today's crucial meeting to decide on the unions' future.

The unions were to have become independent on January 1 but until the formal announcement, scheduled for today's meeting, the workers were in a state of limbo, being employed neither by the SFI nor by the government's Sports Authority, their future sponsor.

Deputy Minister of Education, Culture and Sport Micha Goldman set January 15 as the deadline for the unions to declare their independence at which time the Sports Authority, under Goldman, will allocate the budget for

As of yesterday, employees of the almost defunct SFI, including coaches, had no insurance coverage and contracts were no longer operational.

The dispute between the SFI . chairman Yehezkel Harmelech and Goldman which led to the delayed independence, lies in Goldman's lack of clarification on the budgets of the unions.

Yesterday Harmelech said. "As of this moment, Goldman has not given us the necessary tools to carry out the reforms which we initiated a year ago. We hope he will keep his promises within a few days so the independent unions can begin

For his part, Goldman called on the unions to support the re-

we have seen a witch hunt by the SFI in an irresponsible and threatening manner, with false facts, against the process of the unions' independence and the SFI's inevitable breakup. I hope the delegates [to the meeting] will rise above these allegations and promote Israeli sport with their

## Judokas, coach bolt Colorado training camp for Vegas gambling spree

WHETHER the fact that national judo coach Moshe Ponti took his proteges gambling in Las Vegas, knowing that from January 1 he would no longer be employed by the SFI, is a most point.

Ponti, the enfant terrible of Israeli judo, made light of the waves that shook the judo community yesterday, dismissing the gambling spree as a "chance to recover" from a rigorous training schedule. Asked why he had disappeared in a rented car with judokas Oren Smadja, Arik Ze'evi and Guy Fogel from their high altitude practice camp in Colorado Springs to the lewd attractions of Vegas, Ponti explained, "After three weeks of intensive training and before three more weeks in Japan, I decided to take the sportsmen to relax on a trip to Nevada, Utah, Arizona and on the way, we went to Las Vegas.

The Judo Association is due to meet in a few days to discuss the

## Spurs hammer Manchester United

Tottenham (Reuter) - Tottenham delt a heavy blow to Manchester United's chances of catching Newcastle, by beating the Reds 4-1 last night.

Also yesterday, Liverpool, 2-0 down to Nottingham Forest after 18 minutes, stormed back to win 4-2 with two goals from in-form striker Robbie Fowler.

The victory carried Liverpool to within three points of secondplaced Manchester United and seven points of leaders Newcastle, who play Arsenal today.

Middlesbrough, again without injured Nick Barmby and striker Jan-Aage Fjortoft, suffered another defeat, losing 2-0 at home to Aston Villa in a night match. Villa took the lead after 21

minutes with a spectacular 20meter diagonal volley from defender Alan Wright, his first goal for the club. Striker Tommy Johnson got the second on 40 minutes with a fine, low shot, completing a 17-touch Villa

Middlesbrough's best chance fell to Juninho 15 minutes into Brazilian's control failed him five

Back at Anfield, Steve Stone shot Nottingham Forest into a 13th-minute lead and Ian Woan made it 2-0 five minutes later as Forest swarmed forward.

But Fowler pulled Liverpool back to 2-2 with two fine headers in the 31st and 41st minutes, both from crosses from fellow striker Stan Collymore, playing against

Collymore himself shot nar-

the second half, but the battling rowly wide from 35 meters five minutes into the second half but cashed in on a misunderstanding involving keeper Mark Crossley to make it 3-2 in the 62nd minute.

The Forest misery was complete when Colin Cooper turned a cross from the left into his own net four minutes from time.

Also with a two-goal day was Duncan Ferguson, who performed splendidly in Everton's 3-2 at Wimbledon, It was Ferguson's first goals in the Premier League since his release from prison in late November.

### West Ham plays teen 'keeper

ANGRY West Ham manager Harry Redknapp criticized Premier League chiefs after being forced to make history yesterday by playing a goalkeeper who turned 17 just three days ago. West Ham slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Manchester City, leaving

them firmly in the bottom half of the standings.

With Ludek Miklosko suspended and Les Sealey injured, Redknapp was obliged to hand teenager Neil Finn a debut, making him the youngest player ever to appear in the Premier League - and

Redknapp said Premier League chiefs would not allow him to make an emergency loan signing.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Coventry 1, South-ampton 1; Leeds 6, Blackburz 0; Liverpool 4, Nottingham Forest 2; Manchester City 2, West Ham 1; Sheffleid Wednesday 4, Bol-ton 2; Wimbledon 2, Everton 3, Middles-brough 6, Aston Villa 2; Tostenham 4, Manchester United 0.

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DIVISION ONE: Derby 2, Norwich 1; Grimsby 1, Rudderslield 1; Ipswich 5, Port Vale 1; Millwell 1, Leicester 1; Portsmouth vasc 1; Millwall I, Leicester 1; Portsmouth 2, Crystal Palace 3; Reading I, Tranmere 0; Southend 0, Barnsley 0. Postponed: Bir-mingham v. Wolverhampton, Luton v. Sheffield United, Oldham v. Sunderland. Stoke v. Chariton, West Bromwich v. Watford.

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## Penn State destroys Auburn

TAMPA (AP) - It doesn't matter where Joe Paterno brings Penn State for the holidays. Give the coach a month to prepare and the Nittany Lions are usually successful.

Wally Richardson threw four touchdown passes in the rain and No. 15 Penn State set Outback Bowl records for points and total offense yesterday in a 43-14 rout of Auburn at Tampa Stadium.

Bobby Engram had four catches for a bowl-record 113 vards and two TDs, while Stephen Pitts rushed for 113 yards and scored on his only catch of the day to pace the Nittany Lions. Penn State gained 487 yards.

Richardson, whose inexperi-- ence hurt Penn State early in the season, completed 13 of 24 passes for 217 yards. The only intercep-

THE Buei Yehuda soccer team will for the next few

weeks play its games in Bloomfield Stadium rather

than on its own field in Tel Aviv's Hatikva neighbor-

hood, after nearly 13,000 fans crowded into the Ha-

tikva stadium for Saturday's game against Betar Jeru-. salem. The stadium's official capacity is only 9,500.

... Thousands of fans without tickets had come from

tion he threw set up one of Auburn's two touchdowns.

Engram scored on catches of 9 and 20 yards in the third quarter when Penn State scored 27 points to pull away from a 16-7 halftime lead. Pitts also scored in the period and Curis Enis added a 1-yard TD run set up by Kim Herring's second interception of Auburn's Patrick Nix.

Auburn scored on Robert Baker's 25-yard, second-quarter reception and Kevin McLeod's 12yard run in the fourth period.

The Tigers got 119 yards rushing from Stephen Davis, but 92 of those came in the first quarter. The running back was shaken up near the end of the opening quarter and played little after that.

Penn State rushed for 152 yards in the first half, controlling

Bnei Yehuda to make temporary move

the clock and eventually forcing Auburn out of its game plan. Meanwhile, Richardson picked his spots to throw deep on Auburn's young secondary.

The turning point came in the final minute of the second quarter. Nix, under pressure from the Penn State pass rush, underthrew a receiver at midfield and Herring intercepted at his 49 with 19 seconds remaining in the half.

Richardson found Joe Jurevicius streaking up the left sideline for a 43-yard gain on the next play to set his 8-yard TD throw to Mike Archie for a 16-7 halftime lead. EARLY BOWL RESULTS:

Onthack Bowl: Penn State 43, Auburn 14
Gator Bowl: Syracuse 41, Clemson 0
Citrus Bowl: Tennessee 20, Ohio State 14 Played too late to be carried in tills edition: Cotton Bowl: Colorado v. Oregon Rose Bowl: Northwestern v. S. California Orange Bowl: Florida St. v. Notre Dame

Jerusalem to see the game. While some 700 tickets

remained unsold, the stadium box office was closed

for Shabbat. Confronted by the tense crowd, police

decided to open all the stadium gates and let the fans

in, thus avoiding a stampede of the type that caused

three deaths and numerous injuries at the Arad

## Mickey mania: Class wins out over hype

SPORTSWATCH

ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Mickey to the left of us. dribbled and 'bounded. With apologies to Alfred Lord Tennyson, that's pretty much what it seemed like last week on ITV, between Tuesday night's documentary on Mickey Berkowitz's career and Thursday night's Yad Eliahu farewell celebration of it.

But if anyone in Israeli sports is deserving of what seemed like his own week on ITV - if you include all the promos before and in between the two broadcasts - it's the classy Berkowitz. And ITV, for the most part, proved up to the event, particularly in "Uniform Number 9," the documentary on the Maccabi legend's

ITV archivists deserve a ton of credit for putting together the clips which were such an integral part of Uri Levy and Yonatan Kneller's fine effort. Particularly amusing was the interview with Berkowitz's mother, who recalled his running off to shoot hoops when he was supposed to be studying.

Following Berkowitz around to his old stomping grounds - many of which have since been transformed from basketball courts to other things - was also a nice touch, as was the black and white footage of former Maccabi assistant coach Arye Davidescu training the young Berkowitz by holding himback with what looked like a giant rubber band while the young Mickey worked on his break to the basket.

A particularly moving shot

professionalism and interest into showed Berkowitz and his Mac-

cabi teammates being welcomed by then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin after their first European Cup title in 1977. Too bad Levy spoiled it by pushing Mickey into talking about his political leanings, which was unnecessary and contributed nothing to the documentary. The quick shift from Rabin to Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo was also unnecessary.

Interviewing various European basketball legends like Wayne Brabender and Dino Meneghin was good, but even better was Levy's uncovering a haredi man from Jerusalem who remembered his days as a Maccabi fan and the occasional lifts Berkowitz gave him from Yad Eliahu to the bus back to Jerusalem. In between, it was exciting to

see Mickey in his salad days, slipping past defenders; for his patcated scoop lay-up off the glass or side jumper. As a fan, it made us realize even more how much more personal following Maccabi was in the days of Mickey, Motti, Lou, Aulcie and Jimbo, before the dilution of the European Cup tournament. And listening to the play-by-play of first Alex Giladi and then Yoram Arbel we also realized how much they contributed to those games, too.

Full points to Levy and Kneller for their efforts, worthy of Uniform No. 9. Here's hoping the pair can inject the same

the moribund Maccabi game halftime features that they did into this documentary. AS for the farewell ceremony and

game itself, viewers who didn't have their pre-game anti-hype shot might have suffered from overkill. It's hard to keep everyone from having their say on such a night, but did we really need to hear the Olympic Committee anthem? I don't even recall ever hearing the anthem at the Olympic Games before. And who chose the theme from "2001" for Mickey's entrance? Silence can be golden, certain-

ly better than mindless interviewing. Moshe Gertel was guilty of the latter when he asked an obviously thrilled Tal Brody "Are you excited?" just before Brody went out onto the floor. The looks on the faces of Brody and the other ex-Maccabi players especially Aulcie Perry right before he was introduced - spoke volumes. Gertel should've left them alone. The Yad Eliahu folks also

should've figured out a better way for non-ITV personnel to interview the players rather than have them cutting in on Gertel's attempts to talk with Boatwright, Silver, et al.

In the end, Berkowitz emerged a winner, his class - especially in an interview speaking of how he

wished his late father could have made it to the ceremony - triumphing over the tinsel. Thursday nights at home with Maccabi on the tube has never been and will never be the same without

PRIME SPORTS' coverage of Sunday night's NFL action was fine, but viewers must've wanted to throw penalty flags against both Prime and Sports Channel for not offering Saturday's games. Neither Prime nor Sports Channel offered the action. meaning we missed the Eagles' 58-37 victory over the Lions, the greatest offensive output ever produced in any NFL playoff game. This week, Prime Sports offers NFL divisional playoff coverage on Saturday and Sunday night starting 11 pm.

Sports Channel's also had a nasty habit lately of promising one Saturday night NBA game, then delivering another. This week, the listings promised us Friday night's Indiana-Chicago game, but instead, we got a Houston-Orlando contest from earlier in the week.

While the Penny Hardaway heroics were exciting, most viewers already knew about them from the newspapers, whereas seeing the Friday night game would've been a chance to see action they hadn't yet read about.

games Sunday night, ITV's unlikely to keep its NBA audience if it doesn't keep its programming promises.

## Minutemen still No. 1

'NEW YORK (AP) - Massachu setts won three games in as many days in Hawaii, survived the scare of an injury to its top player and held on to the No. I ranking for the second week in a row. The Minutemen (10-0) were

the runaway choice yesterday of the national media panel, receiving 62 of 65 first-place votes and 1,622 points, 94 more than Kentucky, which was No. 2 for the second week.

In fact, the top 10 stayed the , same from last week with Memphis, Kansas, Cincionati, Georgetown, Connecticut, Villanova, Arizona and Iowa holding their spots.

Memphis (8-0), Cincinnati (8-(i) and Connecticut (10-1) each received one first-place vote.

Massachusetts didn't know if it . would have junior center Marcus Camby for the Rainbow Classic championship game Saturday night until game time. He bruised · his right knee two minutes into . the semifinal victory over Southeru California and didn't return. He didn't start, but played 33 minutes against Syracuse in the title game, finishing with 20 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks in a 65-47 victory over the previously unbeaten Orangemen.

Syracuse moved up two spots to lead the Second Ten and was - followed by Wake Forest, Illinois. Georgia, Utah, North Carolina, Mississippi State, Virginia Tech. Duke and UCLA.

The last five spots were held by Michigan, Clemson and newcomers Texas, Boston College and New Mexico.

Dropping from the rankings were Missouri (8-4), which was 18th before losing two games in the Rainbow Classic; Virginia (5-3), which was 22nd but fell to Virginia Tech, and Tulsa (5-1). which was 25th.

#### **NBA** leaders (through December 30)

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Johnson, S.A. Stoudamire, Tor. Kidd, Dall. Payton, Sea. No NBA games were scheduled for December 31 or January 1

### **GUESS WHICH?**

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US ambassador Martin Indyk will be the guest of honor at a special performance of David Mamet's gender battle, Oleanna. Oded Teomi as the professor and Shiri Golan as the irritating Carol cross swords at ZOA House tonight at 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English.)

#### DANCE

#### HELEN KAYE

TCHAIKOVSKY'S beloved The Nutcracker is onstage at the Jerusalem Theater, danced

by the Israel Ballet to choreography by Berta Yampolsky. It's a razzle-dazzle of color, music, lovely costumes and adventure. In the Haifa Auditorium today at 6:00.

#### CLASSICAL MUSIC

#### MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

RUSSIAN violinist Vladimir Spivakov is back in Israel for a series of concerts with his Moscow Virtuosi and soloist Alexander Korsantiya, winner of the recent Arthur Rubinstein Master Piano Competition. But before the concert, Spivakov conducts a masterclass Thursday (5:00) at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv. Concerts then follow Friday in Beersheba, Saturday at the Haifa Auditorium and Sunday at the Jerusalem International Convention Center. Also Monday and January 11 at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, January 10 in Karmiel and January 14 in Eilat. 8:30.

The Liturgica in Jerusalem festival continues with the Rubin Academy Recorder Ensemble and the Jerusalem A-Cappella Choir performing selections by Tallis, Gabrielli, Scheidt, Monteverdi and Schutz tonight (8:00) at the Christ Church by the Jaffa Gate in Jerusalem. Tomorrow (8:00) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall the Kudsi Erguner Ensemble from Turkey per-

Battle is not pretty in 'Land and Freedom,' Loach's fictional look at the Spanish Civil War.

> forms Sufi music while at the same time the Asturias choir from Spain performs an a-cappella program at the Dormition Abbey.

> Prof. Ruth Katz lectures about "Music and Society: Liberty, Equality and Fraternity in Triple Meter" today (4:15) at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Department of Musicology (Humanities Room 2715) as part of the Musicology in Expanding Worlds of Knowledge lecture series.

#### **FILMS**

#### ADINA HOFFMAN

\*\*\*1/2 LAND AND FREEDOM - Moviegoers accustomed to the beautiful battles of Hollywood war pictures may find themselves shifting uncomfortably throughout English director Ken Loach's knotty, daring treatment of the Spanish Civil War. Loach's rejection of the genre's usual prettifying techniques - the triumphal crane shots, the fluid views of troops swarming over the bills, the soaring score - is what makes the film so potent. Instead of resorting to those more predictably rousing methods, he prefers to plunk us down in the trenches with a single, jerking camera and David (Ian Hart), a doughy-faced English Communist who has signed up for an anti-fascist militia attached to POUM, the revolutionary socialist party. (English and Spanish dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

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### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

29 Read poetry and talk (8)

30 Exercise taking animals

31 She leads maybe, though

lacking the brains (8)

#### **ACROSS**

- I Seeing the head about everything, one is calm (8) 5 Reproached for creating
- bedlam (6) 9 An example of the well-favoured position (8) 10 Some clever no-nonsense
- guy (6) 12 The solitary woman with German following (6)
- 13 Waterfall can make many
- a sailing man go about (8) 15 Foreign cash put into vegetable production (7)
- 16 Pygmalion's sister got on with none (4)

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- 20 Not the sole list (4) 21 Tried a new variety of seed,
- say (7) 25 Giving out notes and .
- DOWN

- 1 Promise quietly to settle (6) 2 Distinction bringing unexpected result (6)
- 3 Pictures of perfect insects
- 4 Gather he was a member of Robin's band (4)
- 6 Scope for manoeuvring appears general on the course (6)

### 7 "Fruit" in the Chinese

- 26 Make plain a river should be stocked with fish (6) language (8) 8 Just the same, people 28 Fly, a half-dozen scoffed! should get a gift (8)
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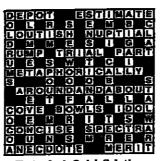
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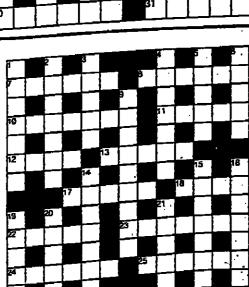
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  19 Held back from retiring (8)
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- order on a man (6) 23 Well of course! (6) 24 A ship carrying uniform for
- the under-eights (6) 27 Where it's advisable to behave like the natives (4)

#### SOLUTIONS



- Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Leave, 4 Surly, 10 ACROSS: 1 Leave, 4 Surly, 18 Drifter, 11 Singe, 12 Leter, 13 Astound, 15 Apse, 17 Piano, 19 Charm, 32 Leta, 25 Banquet, 27 Amble, 29 Rabid, 30 Ecstasy, 31 Merry, 32 Byren. DOWN: 2 Edict, 3 Veteran, 5 Upset, 6 Languer, 7 Adult, 8 Arras, 9 Ready, 14 Sect, 16 Fole, 18 Ignoble, 20 Hearsay, 21 Abort, 23 Utter, 24 Beryl, 26 Under, 28 Beano.



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18 Threesome (4) 22 Track (5)

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**■ JORDAN TV** 14:00 Captain Planet - cartoon 14:30

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#### MIDDLE EAST TV

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#### ■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 La Fracture del Myocarde (1990) – touching French drama about a boy who is orphaned and tries to hide the fact from the horities (rpt) 12:15 Till the Clouds Roll By (1947) - biopic of tunesmith Jerome Kern (rpt) 14:35 Crazy Safari III (1991) (rpt) 16:15 Howards End (1992) - Oscar-winning historical drama based on E.M. Forster's novel about about social class as seen through the eyes of two sisters. Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham Carter and Anthony Hopkins star. (136 mins) 18:30 What's New at the Movies 18:40 Gregory's Girl (1981) - Scottish teen com-edy (rpt) 20:15 Pointmen - drama series 21:00 Shootlighter (1992) – two men who had studied martial arts together as children find themselves on opposite sides of the law. Directed by Pat Allen, starring Martin Cobb (90 mins) 22:40 Edge of Honor (1991) - action about a scout troop who find an arms cache in the woods and with an arms cache in the woods and get mixed up with a violent gang of gunrunners. Starring Corey Feldman and Scott Reeves, directed by Michael Spence (88 mins) 00:15 I Posed for Playboy (1991) – story of three women whose lives were changed after they were Playboy covergits. With Linda Carter and Michaele Green (92 mins) 1-50. The Sto. Men (1901) – (92 mins) 1:50 The Big Man (1991) -drama staming Liam Neeson as a boxer

#### **■ CHILDREN (6)**

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:30 Alvin and the Chlomunics 9:10 Dream Team 9:40 Säver Hawks 10:10 Family Ties 10:45 Covington Cross 11:40 Loony Toons 12:00 Saved by the Bell 12:30 Hugo 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:50 Cartoons 14:10 Casper and Friends 14:30 Speed Racer 15:10 Silver Hawks 15:40 Hanging with Mr. Cooper 16:15 Lois and Clark 17:10 Loony Toons 17:30 Saved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:30 Power Rangers 19:00 Alvin and the Chipmonks 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:30 Family Ties 21:00 The Brady Bunch 21:25 Cheers

#### ■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Max Mon Amour (1986) - Nagisa Oshima's drama about a British diplomet in Paris who discovers that his wife is cheating him with a monkey. Starring Charlotte Rampling and Anthony Higgins (93 mins) 23:40 Circus World (1964) -(93 mins) 25:40 Circus World (1964) — John Wayne, Rita Hayworth and Claudia Cardinale star in this epic drama set under the big top. An American circus owner tours Europe in search of his alcoholic exwife who left him after her lover fell to his death from the trapeze. Directed by Henry Hathaway (131 mins).

#### **■ DISCOVERY (8)**

6:00 Open University: History 12:00 Sachus: India's Holy Men 13:00 United States Television 14:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 16:00 Sadhust: India's Holy Men 17:00 United States Television 18:00 Open University (rpt of morning's programs) 20:00 Manhattan Cable 20:40 Archeology 21:10 Equinox 9 22:00 Air Combat 22:50 Manhattan Cable 23:30 Archeology 00:00 Open University (rpt of morning's 00:00 Open University (rpt of morning's

#### ■ ITV 3 (33)

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**■ ETV 2 (23)** 15:30 Hey Ded 16:00 Reading Enrichment 17:00 At the Bottom of the Sea with ment 17:400 At the Bottom of the sea with Delphi 17:30 Where Shall We Go To-night? 18:90 Jews of North Africa in the Colonial Period 18:30 On Israeli films in the '80s 19:00 Family Album 19:30 Teenage Problems 20:00 A New Evening with Russian subtitles) 20:30 G.P. Australian medical drama series 21:30 American Cinema 22:30 Jerusalem in Art

#### 23:00 Where Shall We Go Tonight?

SUPER CHANNEL 6:00 FT Report 6:15 Walt Street 6:30 6:00 FT Report 6:15 Walt Street 6:30 NBC News 7:00 TM News 7:15 US Market Wrap 7:30 Winners 8:00 Today featuring TM World News and FT Business 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 The Squawk Box 17:00 US Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:00 ITN News 19:30 Ushusia 20:30 The Selina Scott Show 21:30 Profiles 22:00 Europa 2000 22:30 ITN News 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Supersports 1:00 FT Business Tonight 1:30 NBC News

#### **■ STAR PLUS**

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### ■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 — 8:00 Bodies in motion 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 Premier League soccer 19:00 National league handball 20:00 (to be announced) 21:00 Ice legends 22:00 Spanish league soccer 23:30 Billiards

#### **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Rally 10:00 Atlanta Olympics preview 11:30 Std jumping from Germany 12:30 Rally 13:00 Eurogoals 20:00 Figure skating 22:30 Rally 23:00 Boxing 00:00 ATP season's preview 1:00 Atlanta Olympics preview 2:00 Rally

**PRIME SPORTS** 6:00 Chinese league soccer 7:00 International sports magazine 8:00 Billiards 9:00 Badminton 10:30 Power boats 11:00 Formula 1 12:00 Figure skating 14:00 Futbol mundial 14:30 Touring car racing 15:00 Show jumping 16:00 Box-ing 18:00 Cricket 18:30 Futbol mundial 19:00 Asian women's soccer 20:00 Mo-torcycling 21:00 Baseball's greatest games 23:00 Billards 00:00 Judo 1:00 Wrestling 2:00 Cristet

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#### RADIO

#### M VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Charpentier:
De profundis for soloists, choir and orch;
Mozart: Symphony no 21 (Amsterdam Baroque/Koopman); Schumann: Fantasiestücke op 12 (Perahia); Brahms: Symphony no 3 (Vienna PC/Bernstein); Zemlinsky: Psalm 13 (Berlin RSO/Chailly); Schoenberg/Webern: Chamber symphony no 1 am for flute, clarinet, vlolin, cello and piano; 
Berg: 3 orchestral pieces op 6 (BBC SC/
Boulaz) 12:90 Light Classical – Khachaturian: excerpts from Spartacus and 
Gayane (London SO/Khachaturian) 
13:00 Pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy – 
Schubert: Sonata no 13 in A op 120 D664; 
Stravinsky: Rite of Spring for 2 pianos (with 6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Chamentier: Stravinsky: Rite of Spring for 2 pianos (with Gabrilov) 14:06 Encore 15:00 From the Recording Studio - Cantus Trio. Beetho-ven: Piano trio in C minor op 1/3; Moshe Gassner: "With and Without" for plano trio; Prokofiev: Sonata no 2 in D minor for plano op 14 16:00 The Chosen - the best of the year's CDs 18:00 New CDs Gluck: Alessandro; Schubert: Sonatina in
D, Sonata in A; F. Martin: Ballade for flute
and string orch, Ballade for piano and orch 20:05 From the World's Concert Halls -Concertium Classicum from Vienna, Süss-mayr: Octet for winds; Krommer: Octet in E flat; Schubert: Suite for winds from Die Zauberharfe; Mozart/Beethoven: 2 Minuets; Mozart: Serenade in C minor K388 22:20 A Musical Journey

#### CINEMA

**JERUSALEM** CINEMATHEQUE Shallow Grave dir. Danny Boyle, 5, 9:45 + Underground dir. Errir Kusturica, 6:45 + Le Million dir. Rene Clair, 7:30 + On The Waterfront dir. Efia Kazan 9:30 G G GII Janusalam Mali Clueless Basketball Diarles Spe-cios Something To Talk About 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 \* The Bridges of Madison County 10 \* Assassins 4:45, 7:15 \* Golden Eye 4:30, 7:15, 10 \* Passover Fewer weekerbys 4:45, 7:15 \* 9:55 in Feb L Fever weekdays 4:45, 7:15, 9:45 JERU-SALEM THEATER Land and Freedom

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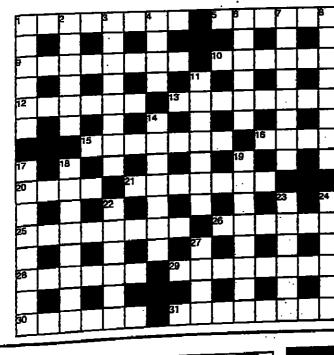
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## Daylight saving time to start March 14

THE Knesset Interior Committee yesterday decided that daylight saving time will start on March 14, one month earlier than last year. It will officially end on

Interior Minister Haim Ramon presented a proposal that summer time be extended by two months over the next three years.

"I believe the most significant thing for the general public is the daylight hours. I believe the majority of the public are in favor of extending them," Ramon said.

The committee heard objections from religious MKs, who claim this makes prayer times difficult. It was agreed to carry out a survey on public acceptance of the extra month and if it is

favorable, daylight saving time in 1997 and 1998 will continue until October.

Ramon, also mindful of religious objections, said the proposal had been approved by his pre-

Energy Minister Gonen Segev said the earlier daylight saving time translates into savings of \$11

Avraham Poraz (Meretz), who initiated the change along with committee chairman Yehoshua Matza (Likud), said that as a hot country, Israel should have a daylight saving time that lasts until the end of October, as in Europe

Although Avraham Verdiger (United Torah Judaism) said the issue should not be turned into a religious-secular battle, Yigal Bibi (National Religious Party) accused the government of being cut off from Jewish tradition. He said since the Pessah seder can only start after dark, children would not be able to stay up for the whole service. Other religious MKs noted the problem of Sephardi lews, who have to get up for pre-dawn penitential prayers during the month before Rosh

A possible compromise, suggested by Ramon and Matza, is to use this year as a test for the future, based on the survey

## 'Non-Orthodox religious council members could increase efficacy' Councilwoman Hoffman: More info can be accessed

THE mission of a non-Orthodox member of a religious council would be both financial and moral, said Jerusalem councilwoman

Anat Hoffman. Hoffman had originally been nominated by Meretz to serve on the Jerusalem Religious Council and the petition to the High Court of Justice, to disallow objections to prospective religious council members because they belong to the Conservative or Reform movements, was filed in

Since then, however, the Knesset passed a law banning local council members from sitting on religious councils.

Hoffman noted that the Jerusalem Religious Council, which has a NIS 32 million budget, has been consistently criticized by both the state comptroller and city comptroller, mainly for nepotism and waste.

Money given to families of yeshiva students, or to the needy

### BACKGROUND

HAIM SHAPIRO

before Pessah, is not allocated according to set criteria, she said. At the same time, the council regularly predicts it will have far more income than it actually generates. This is partially because fees for such services as ritual baths are not always collected,

Hoffman also said there has never been a cross-check of the lists of kashrut inspectors and those receiving draft deferments as full-time yeshiva students. People enjoying such deferments should not be employed by the

council, she said. With regard to these issues, the main purpose of the non-Orthodox council members would be to gain access to information about the council's workings and to. make it public, she said. It is the public, after all, that pays for the

council's operations.

On another level, she said, the non-Orthodox members could help improve the council's services in a manner that would bridge the gap between the council and the non-observant public. She cited as an example the women advisers employed by the council to talk to prospective brides on family purity. These counselors, Hoffman said, convey a mixture of superstition and misinformation.

These meetings could serve to introduce the brides to some of Judaism's most ancient traditions, she said; instead, they are the object of jokes.

"They could make this interaction less pathetic," she said.

However, she added, even if non-Orthodox representatives joined the religious council, they would still be only two members out of 31. Their only way of really influencing the council would be through the public.



discovered by police yesterday at the home of a young man in Givat Shmuel. He was safely returned to the park and reunited with his mother, Maggie.

## Rabbis: Government can't tell us what to say

THE Chief Rabbinical Council yesterday told Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet that neither a minister nor any government has the right to tell rabbis what they could or could not

At the same time, Shetreet told the rabbis that he would continue to explore the legal venues according to which rabbis could be made accountable for their utter-

"The council was almost

unanimous," said Haifa Chief Rabbi She'ar Yashuv Cohen. Cohen added that it even appeared to most of the the council that signatories could do nothing to prevent the republication of a halachic ruling according to which it was forbidden to evacuate settlements, even if they did not want to authorize the republication.

It was the republication last month of an advertisement in

Hatzofeh, the National Religious Party daily, which had aroused Shetreet's ire. Shetreet said that all signatories who were stateemployed rabbis or rabbinical court judges should disassociate themselves from the ruling.

In response, former Ashkenazi chief rabbi Avraham Shapiro said yesterday that any attempt to tell rabbis what to say is a "desecration." Rabbis are not civil servants, but are the appointees of the public, Shapiro said.

## 'Ouman has enough orders to stay open six more months'

"THERE is no doubt that Ou- them those at the Israel Electric open for another six months," Dead Sea Works. Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz said yesterday, after a stream of orders for sweaters poured into the embattled Ofakim subsidiary

of Polgat. The orders came from government ministries, major unions,

and various public bodies. Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr informed Peretz that Defense Ministry Director-General David Ivry had agreed in principle to order 75,000 sweaters for the IDF, and Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal said the police would order 10,000. A similar order came in from the management and workers at Kupat Holim Clalit. More were or-

dered by several unions, among

man Knitting Mills will remain - Corporation, Bezeq, and the

Negotiations between the Histadrut and Polgat on reopening Ouman were to begin last night or this morning. Meanwhile, the national emer-

gency committee formed in Ofakim, which includes the heads of labor councils, unions, and the Textile Workers Union, yester-. day called for a two-hour warning strike throughout the textile industry on Thursday.

"The committee will soon call on the Histadrut to proclaim a general warning strike to show identity with and exert pressure on behalf of workers in Ofakim," said Pini Kaballo, chairman of the association of local labor

## Police: We need more personnel to fight road accidents

BILL HUTMAN

THE police desperately need additional manpower to effectively deal with road accidents, Cmdr. Ya'acov Burovsky, head of the national traffic police, said yesterday evening following a special one-day campaign to crackdown on driving offenses.

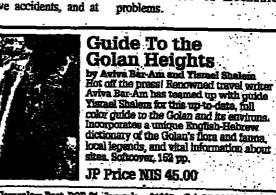
With over 1,000 policemen on traffic duty, aided by two helicopters, only 13 accidents were reported, leaving one person seri-Ously and several others lightly and moderately hurt.

On a normal day, there are only about 200 police on traffic duty, eighty-five accidents, and at

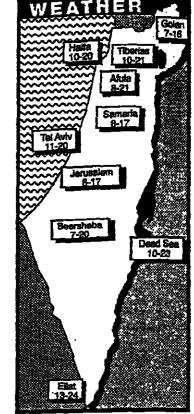
least one death, said Burovsky. He said the government last year approved an extra 425 traffic policemen, but funding was never found for them.

The campaign, entitled "A Quiet Day on the Road," was a joint operation of the police, army, and the non-profit group "The World Belongs to the Careful," which works to prevent traffic accidents.

Nearly 1,500 tickets were issued, and 81 licenses suspended. Some 47 cars were pulled off the road because of mechanical



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#### Winning cards

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### Gene linked to adventurous behavior

JUDY SIEGEL

ISRAELI and US researchers have for the first time isolated a gene linked to a specific normal personality trait. The gene, called AD4DR (fourth dopamine receptor gene) and located on the 11th chromosome, is said to be responsible for 10 percent of people's novelty-seeking or adventurous behavior.

The discovery was made by doctors at Soroka Hospital and the Beersheba Mental Health Center and at Jerusalem's Herzog Memorial-Ezrat Nashim Hospital, who tested 124 healthy Israelis. It was duplicated by doctors from the US National Cancer Institute on 300 people of various ethnic groups at the University of Maryland.

Prof. Haim Belmaker of Beersheba, who adapted a 100-question personality test developed in the US to identify risk-taking behavior, said yesterday that, "The fact that the study was successfully duplicated - by a US team that included Dr. Jonathan Benjamin of Soroka - with the same results is even more important than the original study. Scientists often make a discovery that does not prove itself in subsequent studies; but in this case, it repeated itself in an entirely different popula-

People who score low on the novelty-seeking test tend to be exploratory, fickle, excitable. Quick tempered, and extravagant, while those who score high are more stoic, loyal, reflective, frugal, rigid, and even tempered. Dr. Richard Ebstein, head of

the research department at Her-20g Hospital, noted that the D4DR gene was discovered in the US in 1991. "Its functioning is expressed in the limbic part of the brain - the section involved in emotions - and binds with high affinity to clozapine, a drug used to treat schizophrenia."

'Our gene increases the incidence of risk-taking behavior in an individual by 10 percent," Ebstein said. "You might think that isn't very much, but if you could find a gene that raises IQ by that amount, for example, it would be a major discovery."

"I am very pleased that it is responsible for only 10 percent of such behaviors," added Belmaker, "since this has the smell of something real; it's complicated and hard to explain. There are no more genes to be discovered that are solely responsible for conditions, such as Tay-Sachs disease or eye color. "Most conditions and behaviors are multi-determined by a large number of genes as well as the family, the school, and the whole

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